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Orleans Commission on Disabilities: Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2008 (3pm) at the Orleans Council on Aging

Present: Jamie Balliett, Carol Ciulla, Gerard Csaposs, and Linda Willard.

Orleans COD and Quorum Issue: GC reported that the COD request to shrink to 7 members has not been acted on yet by the Selectmen. The last communication was a March 28th email. GC indicated that he would follow up with them again.

Action Item: Minutes from March meeting were approved unanimously.

Orleans ADA Compliance Officer: JB inquired as to if Orleans has a person designated for this role. GC found out that Liz Smith (COA Director) used to be the town appointed person and when work levels became overloaded, appointed a COA staff member to this role. Last year, that staff person left the Town for another job and currently the position is vacant. All the COD members agreed that this position needs to be filled by a knowledgeable person soon.

Brewster Building Department Letter and HC Parking: JB obtained a copy of a letter dated December 12, 2007 to Brewster business owners regarding changes in the Town bylaw. The letter explains that all parking spaces that allow for 16 or more spaces must designate HC parking. LW offered to inquire with the Brewster staff as to what brought this change on and why it was made. It appears that the Police Department sponsored the purchase of 20 HC parking signs to be provided to businesses on a first come, first served basis.

Letter for Orleans Playhouse Renovation: JB reminded members that a letter has been requested to provide commentary/support for the proposed addition and renovations. LW asked that a van accessible space be included. JB noted that a power door opener in any renovated or new door is preferable to a phone box (Dick Hatch said a phone was planned). Members agreed to request at least 2 HC parking spaces and seating be modified to always allow for a companion.

Survey of Central Orleans Business HC Parking: Members discussed the idea of performing a visual inspection of lots to determine the number, signage, and availability of HC parking. This information could be used to create a database, determine if bylaw changes are needed, and report on the general condition of these spaces.

Minutes Approved May 23rd, 2008.

Minute Taker: JFB

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