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Orleans Commission on Disabilities: Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2008 (3pm) at the Orleans Council on Aging.

Present: Jon Fuller (Chair), Jamie Balliett, Carol Ciulla, Gerard Csaposs, John Fuller (Selectmen's Representative), and David Withrow (Guest, Orleans Finance Director).

Discussion Regarding OCOD Funds: Guest David Withrow (Orleans Finance Director) gave an overview of the history of OCOD funds (balance is around \$6,000). The account was started about 15 years ago. There has been little activity over the years, accumulating funds only from parking tickets (\$100 each), written by the Police. One idea – suggested by Balliett – was to use this money to improve the town-wide handicapped parking signs. Withrow indicated that public funds can only be spent a certain way and this may not be possible to do on private property. One idea, offered by Withrow, is to partner with a non-town group that could be the recipient. Many groups in town resort to creating a "friends of" group noted Chair Fuller. Withrow stated that the OCOD may want to seek grants, donations, and other funds for such a project. He also confirmed that if less than \$5k is spent, the formal standards for procurement are not triggered (requiring bids, etc.). Withrow listed a few past expenditures by the OCOD, including transfers to the Orleans Housing Authority and hiring an ADA consultant.

Minutes for April 25th were approved, 3-0-1.

Letter to Orleans Academy Playhouse Regarding Renovations:

A letter drafted by Chair Fuller was reviewed. Balliett suggested minor changes emphasizing the issue of the handicapped ramp and entrance not relying on an outside telephone box, the letter was approved, 4-0.

Status with OCOD Quorum Issue:

Csaposs reported no contact from the Administrator's and would call them again.

Orleans ADA Compliance Officer:

Chair Fuller gave the committee some background on this issue. Since a COA employee left her job last year, Orleans has not had a designated ADA Compliance Officer. The COA Director, to both Chair Fuller and Balliett, has indicated her lack of staff time to perform this function.

Idle Times Bike Shop, 29 Main Street:

Csaposs brought up the issue of this building, which was substantially renovated but does not appear to have handicapped access. Selectmen Fuller noted this may be a town lot. Members agreed to look at the site and discuss later.

Minutes taken by JFB. Approved on October 24th, 2008.

JFB