

Hampton Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Vivian Austin at 3:03 PM.

Members Present (9):

Ellen Shackelford
Vivian Austin
Gwendolyn Burnett
Evelyn Alston
Irene Ferrainolo
Tyrell Mullen
Rev. William Anderson
Dora Parker-Jimenez
Venezia Jimenez

Liaisons (3):

Rebecca Spurrier (City Mgr. Office)
Shaeron King (Parks & Recreation)

City Officials (1):

Mayor Tuck (Hampton Mayor)

Absent (3):

Debbie Apperson
Kennard Dukes
Sharon B. Griffith

Guest (1):

Jacquelin Redmond

The minutes for November 2022 were amended and approved by Rev. William Anderson and seconded by Gwendolyn Burnett.

Hampton Mayor’s Committee
For People with Disabilities
Treasurer’s Report FY22

Beginning Balance (November 01, 2022)	\$55,709.85
Credit:	\$ 0
Debit:	\$ 1,500.00
Ending Balance: November 30, 2022	\$54,209.85

Respectfully submitted,
Gwendolyn L. Burnett, Treasurer

Hampton Mayor’s Committee
For People with Disabilities
Treasurer’s Report FY22

Beginning Balance (December 01, 2022)	\$54,209.85
Credit:	\$ 0
Debit:	\$ 0
Ending Balance: (December 31, 2022)	\$54,209.85

Respectfully submitted,
Gwendolyn L. Burnett, Treasurer

Liaison’s Reports:

City Manager’s Office – Ms. Rebecca Spurrier will represent the City Manager’s Office in place of Mr. Steven Bond. She stated The Foundation has lapsed and it will have to be reinstated before work is continued. In addition, there are a number of fees to be paid to make the foundation legal. In addition, after The Foundation is up and running, it will be necessary for a re-election and officers to be appointed. Ms. Spurrier has given Rev. William Anderson the necessary forms to forward to Mr. Larry Townsend, Chairman of the Foundation.

In reference to the City of Hampton liaisons, Ms. Spurrier stated she would contact the heads of the city departments to commit to participating with the HMCFPWD. The city department attendees were: Hampton City Schools, Emergency Management, Fire Department, Police Department, and Hampton University. Currently Parks & Recreation is currently attending the meetings.

Ellen Shackelford will follow-up with Ms. Spurrier for the name of the management company for Coliseum Central, to evaluate the travel area by Crumbl Cookies.

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Shaeron King shared with us activities to be held at the Therapeutic Recreation Center, which were: Valentines Sweetheart Dance, February 11, 2023 from 6-8 PM – Cost is \$6.00 for single and \$7.00 for a couple; School Out Rec In, a day for students to enjoy recreation and games, ages 6 – 22,

The dates are January 27th and January 30th 2023, cost is \$20.00 for members, and \$30.00 for non-members; TR Prom Disco Ball, ages 13 + Saturday, May 20th from 6-8 PM, cost is \$5.00 single, and \$7.00 couple; Family Fun Night, Saturdays (1/28, 4/22, 7/22, 10/28); Adult Recreation Connect, September 6, 2022 through June 12, 2023 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) age 18+, cost is \$20.00 membership fee per year; Special Olympics Bowling Game, Tuesday, February 14-April 4, Central Lane, 1519 East Pembroke Avenue Hampton, VA.

Subcommittee Reports:

Accessibility – Ellen Shackelford reported a Hampton Citizen reported an issue for the travel distance for persons using mobility devices in the parking lot of Crumbl Cookies establishment. She stated she was not able to contact the management as a result of the holiday season. However, she would consult with the City of Hampton to locate the name of the management company in order to contact the person who makes decisions.

Ms. Vivian Austin, Evelyn Alston, Tyrell Mullen and Ellen Shackelford, Chairperson will serve on the *Accessibility Committee*.

Transportation – Since there was no one on the HMCFPWD who chaired the transportation committee, Ellen Shackelford contacted Ms. Griffin from HRT, chairperson, to attend the meeting for January 2023 via email communication & phone contact. Ms. Griffin stated she would be glad to attend the meeting and give an update on information regarding HRT and its ridership services. However, she did not respond to the reminder email to confirm her attendance.

Mr. Tyrell Mullen stated he sits on the board of HRT and will attend the HRT meetings and report to the committee, in addition, Ms. Evelyn Alston stated she would also attend the meetings as a representative from HMCFPWD. Moving forward with HMCFPWD Transportation committee, Mr. Mullen and Ms. Alston will sit on the committee and report upcoming changes/additional information regarding HRT.

Awards Luncheon – There was no report given regarding the October 2023 luncheon. Mr. Tyrell Mullen, Gwendolyn Burnett, and Dora Parker-Jimenez stated they will serve on the *Awards Luncheon committee*.

Teachable moment / Education – There was no report regarding a teachable moment.

Legislation – There was no report given. Ms. Ellen Shackelford, Vivian Austin and Dora Parker-Jimenez stated they will serve on the Legislation committee.

Publicity / Public Awareness (Newsletter) – No report was given. Since no one has committed to serving on this committee it had been tabled to discuss interest later. There was a discussion on how the committee can find other ways to generate a newsletter via social media sites. Rev. Anderson stated he spoke to Ms. McCormick on the possibility of starting a Facebook communication to developing a newsletter on this media site. Ms. McCormick may be reached at: 757-728-3276. In addition, Ms. Shackelford stated there is another site which would cost \$14.99 per month on *I Contact* to develop an online newsletter, and the only things needed would be for persons interested to go to the city of Hampton’s web page under HMCFPWD to sign up for the newsletter by adding their email address.

Ms. Ellen Shackelford, Chair, Dora Parker-Jimenez and Vivian Austin will serve on the *Legislation Committee*.

Old Business – The discussion regarding The Foundation was clarified by Ms. Rebecca Spurrier, who stated The Foundation has lapsed and must be reinstated before business can be continued.

New Business – Ms. Gwendolyn Burnett reported a second signature is need on the account, for distributing checks from the HMCFPWD’S checking account. Ms. Vivian Austin has volunteered to be the second person on the account.

The meeting was adjourned by Ellen Shackelford, Chairperson, at 4:05 PM.

****Next meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023****