

## MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

### Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2018

Present: Mas Sala, Mayor Schember, Mark Zink, Jessica Molczan, Kim Brown, Passle Helminski, Pat Simon, Todd Bruno, Wayne Harbison, Tish Bartlett, Rhonda Schember, Lynn Schantz, Bruce Eicher, Dawn Sokol, Andy Steinmetz, Chris Gerhart, Michele Inter, Mark Delio, Kathleen Schaaf, Freda Tepfer, Kelly Meyer, Michael Fiorelli

1). **Welcome**

Meeting was opened by Mas Sala welcoming everyone in attendance.

Introductions were made and the Sign-in sheet was circulated for signature by those present.

2). **Guest Presenter:**

Bishop Brock (Founder & CEO) of the Eagles Nest Leadership Corp. provided a brief overview of the Eagles Nest program that provides services to at-risk youth. He detailed some of the criteria regarding admission to the program. Bishop Brock outlined the successes of the program as well.

At the conclusion of Bishop Brock's presentation – an opportunity was given to those in attendance – to ask questions. In response to one of the questions relating to admission into the program for individuals with disabilities – Bishop Brock confirmed that they had not had any individuals that fit that category, however, was certainly no opposed to offering them an opportunity to enter into the program as well. Of course, some of the criteria would need to be met to qualify, however.

### 3). Issues/Concerns to Address

At the prior meeting in April – it was established that the Roundtable could serve as a forum for anyone to bring any issues and/or concerns to the table. Roundtable members would then either refer the individual to the appropriate agency – or would address any issue/concern within the Roundtable’s ability to do so.

With that said, those present offered the following:

#### 1). Mrs. Rhonda Schember

Mrs. Schember raised the concern that only one playground within the City of Erie is fully ADA accessible.

In response to Mrs. Schember’s correct point – an explanation of the development of the ADA Transition Plan was provided – expounding on the basis for the development of the Plan which involved the Consultants taking pain-staking measurements of every City of Erie property owned that would need modified to be in accordance with ADA Accessibility requirements. This includes parks, City-owned buildings (City Hall, Bureau of Sewers), JC Martin & Downing Golf courses, etc.

At the request of Mayor Schember and others present – the binders containing all of the specifications and the final Transition Plan will be brought to the next meeting in June.

#### 2). Todd Bruno (City of Erie Engineering Field Supervisor)

Todd provided all those present, a copy of the “Work Zone Guidelines” to be provided to contractors – moving forward –

The “Work Zone Guidelines” specifically address acceptable barricades that may be utilized at construction sites – in pedestrian paths of travel – and are detectable when using a cane. In response to the visual provided to those in attendance, were appreciative of the information provided.

#### 4). Open Comments

- Tish Bartlett (Autism Society of NWPA) wanted to announce that she offers training to City and County Law Enforcement on handling individuals with autism.
- Wayne Harbison (Erie County Human Relations Commission) – announces that an Employment Seminar will be offered June 28, 2018 – registration begins at 8:00 am – for additional details about the seminar – you may contact Wayne at:  
[wharbison@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:wharbison@eriecountypa.gov).

- Freda Tepfer – provided comments regarding LED Readerboards – presently, she is in communication with the City of Erie Zoning office to address inclusion of stipulations that can be implemented when utilizing the LED Readerboards.

### **Meeting Schedule for 2018**

- June 14, 2018
- July 12, 2018
- August 23, 2018
- Sept. 20, 2018
- Oct. 18, 2018
- Nov. 15, 2018
- Dec. 13, 2018

All meetings begin at 2:00 pm and are held in the Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) at the Intermodal.