

**Minutes**  
**Florida Key Council For People With Disabilities (FKCFPWD)**  
**September 27, 2012 Marathon – Sombrero Beach Pavilion # 10**

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<b><u>FKCFPWD Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Staff:</u></b>
Neil McMichael, Chair	Anna Marie Haskins, Staff Liaison
Cindy McKnight, Vice-Chair Mike Nealy	
Jimmy Schmidt, Alternate Vacancy	<b><u>BOCC Representative:</u></b> Sylvia Murphy, Commissioner

**Call To Order:** Meeting called to order: 1014 am

**Brunch provided by Sylvia Murphy:** Enjoyed by all

**Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum:** Yes, quorum – all present. All above in attendance plus Stan Darczuk – not listed above, and Dan Oluich – Mailloux & Sons, Shane Smith, Alan Roman, Mobi-Mat personnel - Jeff Olson and wife, Ann.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:** Minutes were approved from all of the last three meetings,

**New Business:** Mobi Mat System demonstration and question and answer period. Demonstration of Mobi Mat and beach chair. Mobi mat was already in place. Demonstration of placement, wheeling onto and off of the beach with and without mat, and transfer to and from specially designed beach chair – Mobi-Chair. Discussion of this year’s annual event. How it went, lessons for next year, etc.

**Report of the Chairperson:** ADA Celebration “Great”. Same script for next year, etc. General Consensus was that it went well and everyone enjoyed it. Everyone had a great time and especially enjoyed the kids' performances.

**Report of the Treasurer/Staff Liaison: Current Balance is:** \$7,496.31 is the current balance after the Conch Color was paid \$190.00. Copies were mailed to you and are being provided at the meeting. School Board payment agreement must be put in front of the board for both years for approval. Mr. Kolhage asked that this payment go to the board for approval. Ms. Murphy said that the paperwork be taken to the chairperson for a signature next time.

The financial report gets generated through the County Finance system and is a pre-arranged report in the system. Can we request deposits, etc. Interpreter was paid from County Administrator's office. We will transfer from us \$ 366.06 back to County Administrator's fund. Any organization that holds an event pays for accommodations which need to be made. What are we allowed to spend our funds

on? Anything but food. Sylvia will find out our limitations, etc. Her list: Pay bill, What can we use money for? What does Parks and Rec pay? All agree should be used for something. Could this money be used to purchase this chair or other items? Mike Nealy asked if this Council could work with others to provide things such as the chair seen today? We need guidelines. Indicate what is actual right now including things that should be removed so that we know what we are actually working with aside from what the budget says. We need Mission Statement, etc. Sylvia wants to be informed by Ms. Hutton before she leaves office.

**Old Business:**

Contact information: We still need from all so that Anna can compile for our various events. Clarification of our “group”. Our FKCFPWD+ should include the County Administrator, County Attorney, and the Commissioners.

**Other New Business:** Mr. Dubin discussed sign language interpreters requisition and processing, Neil discussed that there is a system out there available for sign language interpreters and others that are ready to go through a system that is available without a contract, etc. Marc also urged us to look into this process. Marc also suggested that this information that was provided to us today be available to her into braille. The Mobi-Mat personnel did not have the information in braille. We are still waiting for an appointment for our council. Kim Wigington will not be appointing as Mr. Kolhage will now be in charge of appointing since he will be taking her position on the board. It is apparently very difficult to place a person for this council from the area concerned – Stock Island. Sylvia – When you have information which needs to go out to just the group it should be done through the Chairman. The Chairman should then turn it to Staff to disburse. The information can be sent to the Chair. It can just not be discussed. If there needs to be discussion it must be held in front of everyone. If there is something that needs to be changed, the Chair will go through staff for the benefit of Sunshine Law. Breaking the Sunshine law requires a reply.

Stan advised that the mat and the chair fit in the back of regular minivan. The chair breaks down into pieces. It more than likely will fit in the backseat of a car.

**Review of Various Committees (including Awards and ADA Upgrades):** no report  
Go to Shane's section of the County website to get more information. Mr. Nalepa is looking for more funding for the upgrades. ADA upgrades so far are not costing Ad-Valor em funds because of Mike Nalepa's work.

**Further New Business:** Community Garden at May Sands of Key West – had an open house. Stan and Marylou went. 4 X 10 plots sponsored by an individual or agency and that group works that plot. Spoke with Vicky at the Health Department.

Now entering Keys gardening season – would extend through “snowbird” season. Can we use our funds as “seed” money to help support this project? To help encourage this process? Sylvia suggested a shoebag for a vertical garden. This is also a great suggestion for students. A little spagnum moss to protect it from the sun and water from the top. Always water from the top. Vicky is willing to attend one of our meetings if we want her to. The council wants to make the plan for it.

Also discussed was sheltering and providing for the potential special needs who would present at a regular shelter. Marc's concern is accessible cots and assistance for toileting, etc. transfer assistance, etc. Marc is urging us to look into this. Are there special needs cots available? Marc says that under the ADA they need to be accommodated whether at a general needs shelter or a Special Needs shelter. It was suggested by Sylvia to have

Marc get in touch with Emergency Management to see the Special Needs Cots. Marc is advising us to look into this to assure that we are covered. He wants us to be aware that there is an issue. Marc has been asked to provide us with his assessment of the situation. Marc's goal is to advocate. He believes that this council is in the position of helping to advise.

**Organization's Announcements:** None

**Next Meeting:**

November 15, 2012, Islamorada Branch, Monroe County Public Library, 11am

Stan moved, Jimmy second - Meeting adjourned 1233 pm.