

# FLORIDA KEYS COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

## ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes    October 3, 2013  
Marathon Government Center, BOCC Chambers

Present:

<b><u>FKCFPWD Members:</u></b>	
Cindy McKnight	<b><u>Staff</u></b>  Anna Marie Haskins
Stan Darczuk	
Pamela K. Beaver	
Mary VandenBrook	
Jimmy Schmidt, Alternate	

**Call to Order:**    1016 am

**Welcome, Introductions of all present, and Quorum:** Mary Vandenbrook, who is President of the MARC Board of Directors and is temporarily in charge of MCDOH is our newest member. A brief overview of the Council and what we do was given by all, collectively for Mary. Quorum – Yes.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:** With correction of the spelling error in Stan’s name, Stan moved Jimmy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion by Jimmy to approve May minutes, Pam 2<sup>nd</sup>. July minutes are tabled until Cindy receives a copy in Braille.

**Report of Chairperson:** No report at this time will be incorporated in the review of ADA Celebration, etc.

**Report of Staff Liaison:** Ms. Murphy is not available to give a report.

**Report of Treasurer:** Currently \$6,881.00 in account

**Report on Committees, Projects, Etc. (including ADA Upgrades and Awards):** Mike/Shane were unavailable for updates. We will get them next meeting.

**Old Business:** Mobi-Mat discussion including affects on turtle nests, dimensions, when placed, plans for press release, photos, etc. Anna will get her photos to Jimmy as will others who may have some. The chairs which were demonstrated the same day as Mobi Mat are currently available for use in other areas and other communities. Mary suggested that a good project for this group would be to figure out how to get folks to the water and how to allow them to stay on the beach. Jimmy suggested a ‘T’ configuration of the mats so that people could travel down the mat and then off to the left or right side. In Marathon, after the sand replenishment, they will look into changing configuration. It was suggested that someone should speak to Jeff Olson and see what he could come up with. Mary suggested speaking with an agency which would be willing to partner with the City to be responsible and available

to sign out the chairs. In this County the main attraction is the water. The goal should be to get people to it/into it enabling them to enjoy it. Jimmy will do a report for the next meeting. Stan suggested that Marathon has shown a strong desire to work with people who need accommodations. Anna will get pictures of the demonstration to Jimmy for him to pass along to the chambers, etc.

Stanley Switlik payment needs to be checked into.

ADA Celebration notes: Jimmy will handle the speaker system for next year's event. It was suggested that we change the layouts of the food and booths to accommodate the need to access the restrooms adequately. Also, the stage needs to be accessible. Jimmy will ask Marathon to lend us the ramps. All of this to be able to utilize the rooms better. Games have been outside in the past and the suggestion is for indoor games now. We need introductions. A suggestion and discussion was made/held regarding a stage show with the possibility of animal involvement, and maybe holding the event on the weekend for more general public involvement. We need to remind people of accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities. It was suggested that this be held in other areas of the keys or maybe separate events in each of the areas.

Suggestion was made that we make a point to participate in other community events to run a booth in each. Anna volunteered to man the booths in Key West for other types of events so that we can put out pamphlets, guides, etc. Maybe we can get gadgets including jar openers and other gadgets with our signage, slogans and information that we can hand out/give away. The rest of the group will determine when/where the participation is possible.

**New Business:** Add – Accessible taxi cabs. Stan – Local Coordinating Board asked to draft a letter. "People are listening". Motion to support Stan's. FKCFPWD supports the effort of the Transportation Dis. Board to research the current availability of w/c accessible taxi cabs in Monroe County and their effort to increase the availability of them. Jimmy motioned, Mary seconded.

Calendar info was requested for the next meeting as dates for the new year will need to be voted on.

**Organization's Announcements:** MARC – Island time fundraiser October 5<sup>th</sup> 6-10 at the Conch Flyer \$50. Pumpkin Patch Sat October 5<sup>th</sup> open until sold out. Thanksgiving time – Christmas trees. Please inform Mary of anyone willing, interested, and available to volunteer to work the sales.

**Next Meeting Decision:** 11/21/2013 – Islamorada Library 11a-1p

**Adjourn:** 11:58 am Mary motioned, Pam 2nd