

Agenda



50th Anniversary Planning Committee

November 29, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Attendees:

Vivian Balcom (RIEDC), Mark Brodeur (RIEDC, Tourism), Paul Choquette (GCD), Rich Hite (State Archives), Patrick A. Lynch (Lt. Governor's Office), Kate McCarthy-Barnett (GCD), Fran Raymond (Sen. Chafee's Office), Pat Ryherd (ORS), Marie Strauss (RI Dept. of Elderly Affairs), Sarah Zurier (RIHPHC)

Excused:

Agenda topics

4:00 PM Call to Order

Paul Choquette, Chair

Discussion: Call to order at 4: 04 PM.

Potential MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting, as mailed/corrected

4:05 PM Overview of tentative activities and events for the Governor's Commission on Disabilities 50th Anniversary **Paul Choquette**

P. Choquette reviewed the proposed plans for the Commissions 50th Anniversary Celebration.

1. The year would start off with a Kickoff Breakfast Monday October 23, 2006, in the State Room, honoring the recipients of the Joseph Vanni and John E. Fogarty Awards.
2. Each month (November 2006 to October 2007) the Commission proposes sponsoring a public forum, topics could include: aging and disability; assistive technology; civil rights; economic security; education; emergency preparedness; employment; healthcare; recreation and social; tourism; universal design or other issues of importance. As you know since 2003 the Governor's Commission on Disabilities and more than 30 co-sponsoring agencies and community organizations, have conducted a series of public forums, in July to listen to the concerns of people with disabilities and their families. We would hope to again secure sponsorship and partial funding for each forum, with state departments, general officers, other boards and commissions and community based organizations.
3. The Anniversary year would be concluded, on Tuesday October 23, 2007, as it started with the presentation of the Joseph Vanni and John E. Fogarty Awards, at a gala dinner

featuring a nationally known keynote speaker, entertainers with disabilities would perform and a report on the year's celebration would be distributed.

4. The Commission also proposes the establishment of a permanent Paul V. Sherlock Art Exhibition Trust Fund. The Commission, in accordance with RI's 1% for Public Art Law transfers 1% of the funds expended to remove barriers at state facilities to the State Council on the Arts for the purchase of public art (produced by persons with disabilities). The State Council on the Arts will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in FY 2006. Combining the Council's age and the Commission, and investing a thousand dollars for each year into a permanent trust fund, would ensure the Paul V. Sherlock Art Exhibition will continue purchasing art from artists with disabilities, long after all state facilities have been made accessible.
5. Finally the Commission would submit grant proposals, possibly in partnership with the State Archives and the University of Rhode Island's Special Collections Unit (currently cataloging and digitizing John Chafee's Senatorial records), to the RI Committee on the Humanities and other entities, for the archiving & preserving the Commission's historical records: minutes, reports, etc. from 1960; photographic from 1958; 300 SVHS cable TV video tapes & 350 UCB cable TV video tapes from 1984); and for writing and publishing a booklet on the Commission & the evolution of disability policy in Rhode Island.

4:30 PM Budget

Paul Choquette

50th Anniversary Year Activities

Restricted Receipts

General Revenues

	FY 07	FY 08	FY 07	FY 08
Development & Coordination			\$26,909	\$13,925
Kick Off Breakfast October 23, 2006			\$5,988	
Paul Sherlock Art Exhibition Trust Fund			\$90,000	
Cataloguing & Indexing the Commission's Historic Records	\$78,750			
Monthly Public Forums & Workshops	\$13,928	\$8,196	\$1,928	\$1,250
Gala Celebration Dinner on October 23, 2007		\$39,986		
Grand Total	\$92,678	\$48,181	\$124,825	\$15,175

Discussion: Chair informed the members that as of this date the State Budget Office has zeroed out all proposed State funds for the Celebration, but the Commission is appealing this decision.

Committee members discussed other potential funding sources for proposed activities, which include:

- Legislative Funding
- Foundation Grants (RI Foundation, The Commodores, National Trust for Historic Preservation, etc.)

Private Corporate Sponsorships (RI Monthly, American Institute of Architects, etc.)

4:45 PM Brainstorm about other possible activities Paul Choquette

Discussion: Other potential activities (in addition to planned activities) were discussed. Other ideas for activities and ideas for Educational Forums include:

- Screening of the movie “Murderball”
- Workshop on Historical Preservation and Accessibility

5:15 PM Schedule additional meetings Paul Choquette

Members of the Committee discussed potential meeting schedule for the coming year. P. Choquette will develop a meeting schedule for 2006, with meetings occurring bi-monthly and next meeting scheduled for January 25, 2006 at 3:30 PM at the Governor’s Commission Office.

Adjournment at: 4:50 PM