

**Atlantic County**  
**Disability Advisory Board**  
**Minutes: September 10, 2019**

**Attendance:** Joe Brown, Mark Petrella, Joanne Gahr, Trinna Rodgers, Ryan Penn, Doortje Schipper, Carol Ditmire, John LaSala

**Excused:** Linda Klersey, Bob Ross, CheeKa Wu

**Absent:** Maureen Kern

**Ex-Officio:** Cristine Chickadel

**Public:** Cassidy Penn of Mobility 123

**I. Call to Order:** at 12:35pm by Chairman Brown.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes approved without revision.

**III.**

**Committee Reports:**

***A. Legislation:***

1. Cristine reported on recent lawsuit against the City of Philadelphia surrounding widespread accessibility issues in the city's public rights of ways.

2. DOJ celebrates 20th Anniversary of *Omstead v L.C.*:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/blog/departments-justice-celebrates-20th-anniversary-olmstead-supreme-court-decision-protecting>

***B. Access:***

1. Carmine's Atlantic City. Citizen mentioned difficult access entering. Details on the issues have been requested and to be discussed at next meeting.

2. Bacharach parking issues. Inquire with Kathy Ford about fixes. Seems to be just at the employee area?

3. Request additional Disabled parking at AC Country Club for Sykes Awards.

**IV. Old Business:**

Brigantine Beach video clip by Atlantic County Videographer- city to be recognized at Sykes for great access to public beaches

## **V. New Business:**

1. Cristine distributed synopsis of all 2019 Sykes Nominees. Board agrees to recognize all nominated.
2. Carol Ditmire requested a leave of absence due to medical.
3. Ryan Penn requested and received approval to invite the PACE program to present at next meeting.
4. Doortje had a recommendation for next year's Sykes award.

## **VI. Good and Welfare:**

1. Trailer of new movie shown: Peanut Butter Falcon: changes the narrative: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kristenlopez/2019/08/05/why-the-peanut-butter-falcon-changes-the-disabled-narrative--scared-hollywood/#6446c0ce3518>
2. New Medical Goodwill Store: <https://www.goodwillhomemedical.org/>
3. Special Olympics Area 8 Fundraiser: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Surf Dog, Woodbine - 5:30p

## **VII. Public Comment:**

none

**VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Sykes Awards: October 24<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting date November 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, Galloway Library meeting room. 12:30pm