Board of Election Commissioners Meeting  
Thursday, September 22, 2016  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 401, City Hall

Call to Order by the Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the August 17th Meeting

New Business:

1. Discussion concerning the request of School Committee Member Jon F. Monfredo to stand within the 150 feet zone of polling locations in the November 8th Presidential Election to promote reading.

2. Discussion concerning the communication from the Commission on Disabilities regarding the accessibility of polling locations.

3. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 6 - Precinct 4 Polling Location. The current location is Quinsigamond Village Community Center, 16 Greenwood Street.

4. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 8 - Precinct 2 Polling Location. The current Location is the Main South CDC, 875 Main Street.

5. Discussion concerning the possibility of relocating Ward 8 - Precinct 5 Polling Location. The current location is South Worcester Neighborhood Center, 55 Camp Street.


7. Poll Worker availability for the November 8th Election.


9. Early Voting Insert for the 2016 Property Tax Bills

Old Business:

1. Update concerning the implementation of Early Voting (EV) for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election.

2. Public demonstration of the KnowINK Poll Pad.

Next Meeting Date:

Adjournment:
or referendum have nothing to do with the current election. G.L. C. 54, § 65 (2002 ed.).

a polling place, This is true even where the nomination papers, initiative petitions, restricted from soliciting signatures within 150 feet of a building entrance door to Circulators of nomination papers, initiative and referendum petitions are also distributing stickers. G.L. C. 54, § 65 soliciting a person’s vote for or against a candidate or question on the ballot; or voter’s action at the polls; wearing any campaign buttons or identifying insignia;

Holding any campaign signs, banners, any literature intended to influence the voted on the current election. 950 CMR sec. 22.03(18), 22.03(22), 22.04(22).

The solicitation of votes for or against, or any other form of promotion or action of the voters. G.L. C. 54, § 65 posters, cards, handbills, placards, pictures, or circulators intended to influence the 

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Special Instructions to Wardens and Police Officers

CITY OF WORCESTER
TO:       Dr. Matilde Castiel, Commission HHS
FROM:    Pamela Callahan, Interim Staff Liaison for Commission on Disabilities
DATE:     June 30, 2016
RE:   Commission on Disability Review of Polling Locations in Worcester

I am writing on behalf of the Commission on Disability regarding an accessibility survey of polling locations in the City by Mr. Michael Kennedy and Mr. Stephen Stolberg from the Center for Living and Working.

The report outlined deficiencies at some polling locations that included:

- No wheelchair accessibility to some polls
- Breakdown of elevator to a second floor poll
- Automark machines out of order
- Automark machines used incorrectly

The commission reviewed the detailed report and in two locations, there was no wheelchair access to the building from the parking lot, or access into the building itself. Some locations had Automark Machines that were inoperable, or were facing the public and not confidential. Given the upcoming presidential elections, the board made recommendations to improve voting polls for persons with disabilities. Since police detail officers are a significant presence at the polls, recommendations include police as well as poll workers.
Recommendations:

- That the Election Commission begin a review of the polling site located at Community Center at Camp St. for accessibility and explore the feasibility of a new location. At the time of the survey, this center did not have wheelchair access into the building and a resident had to find someone to help surveyor enter the building. The polls were located on the second floor but the elevator was broken and surveyor had to be carried down the stairs.

- That the Election Commission begin a review of the polling site located at the Quinsigamond Village Community Center on Greenwood St. for accessibility and explore the feasibility of a new location. At the time of the survey, the parking lot was in poor repair, striping faded and access aisle not adequate. Exterior and Interior doors lacked accessible hardware.

- That the City Clerk be given a copy of the polling report.

- That the City Clerk develop a system to ensure Automark machines are in good working order.

- Mandatory training for Police Detail Officers and poll workers to include:
  - Use and placement of Automark machines to ensure confidentiality
  - Customer service; specifically how to interact in a respectful and courteous manner with disabled persons

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commission on Disability,
Pamela Callahan
If you are registered to vote in the City of Worcester, you may take advantage of Early Voting Monday, October 24th through Friday, November 4th at any of the following locations:

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