

CITY OF MONROE
SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
300 WEST CROWELL STREET
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA 28112
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
AGENDA
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- Item 1.** Public Comment Period
- Item 2.** Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2024
- Item 3.** Signage Information – Sarah McAllister, Director of Engineering
- Item 4.** Community Survey Update
- Item 5.** Resource List Update

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please contact Angie Sustar at asustar@monroenc.org or 704-282-4651 to confirm your attendance. Thank you.

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AUGUST 6, 2024
MINUTES

The Special Needs and Disabilities Committee of the City of Monroe, North Carolina met in Special Session in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 300 West Crowell Street in Monroe, North Carolina at 3:00 p.m. on August 6, 2024 with Chair Julie Thompson presiding.

Members Present: Council Member Julie Thompson (Chair), Committee Member Selina Campbell, Committee Member Karen Heath, Committee Member Melinda Plue, Mayor Robert Burns and Clerk Angie Sustar

Members Absent: Kelly Stegall, Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Jones (ex-officio)

Guests: Ashlyn Penegar

Chair Thompson called the Special Needs and Disabilities Committee Special Meeting of August 6, 2024 to order at 3:14 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. A quorum was present. Chair Thompson advised of the rearrangement of the order of the Agenda.

Item No. 2. Approval of Minutes – July 2, 2024 Chair Thompson asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the minutes, if not, if anyone would like to make a motion that the minutes of the July 2, 2024 Special Needs and Disabilities Committee be approved.

Motion: Mayor Burns moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting.

Second: Member Plue

Action: The motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting passed unanimously with the following votes

AYES: Chair Thompson, Mayor Burns, Members Plue, Campbell, and Heath

NAYS: None

Item No. 3. Welcome New Members Chair Thompson welcomed two new committee members, Karen Heath and Melinda Plue. Members Heath and Plue briefly stated their own personal reasons for wanting to be part of this committee and their desire to make a positive impact in the community.

Item No. 1. Public Comment Ashlyn Penegar requested the installation of two Autism caution signs outside of Mosaic Pediatric Therapy located at 1944 Wellness Blvd., Monroe, NC. Ms. Penegar shared several examples of why she was advocating for the installation of the signs at this location.

A brief discussion followed involving committee members. Chair Thompson asked Ms. Penegar to send the contact information of the person with Mosaic Pediatric Therapy to her or Mayor Burns. Member Plue advised that she would ask her colleagues if there is a standard recognized symbol that could be incorporated in these caution signs.

Item No. 4. Guest Speaker – Patricia Daniels, Wolfe School Principal Chair Thompson advised that due to the approaching hurricane, Principal Daniels was called into an emergency meeting and is unable to attend.

Item No. 5. Discussion / Review of Community Survey Member Campbell thanked everyone for their input and proceeded to read the revised survey while noting the suggested revisions made. During the review, Committee members asked various questions with at times brief discussions taking place.

Mayor Burns expressed his eagerness to get the survey out to the public and to have in place the mechanism to be used in doing so. He emphasized the essence of time in gathering the information implementing the results.

A brief discussion followed about the time sensitive nature of presenting the survey to the public, gathering feedback, and assimilating the results.

Chair Thompson will reach out to Ryan Jones and Lisa Hollowell for review, to ask how quickly the survey can be available to the public, and follow up with Committee members.

Discussion followed.

Item No. 6. Discussion / Review of Resource List Chair Thompson advised Mr. Jones was called into another meeting and unable to attend. This item will be moved to the next meeting.

There being no further business, Member Plue made a motion to adjourn. Member Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES:	Members Campbell, Heath, and Plue, Chair Thompson, and Mayor Burns
NAYS:	None

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.