**State Of Connecticut**

**Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS)**

**Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)**

**Statewide Committee of Blind Vendors Special Meeting**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**October 10, 2024**

**Members Present:**

**Chairman Mr. Rich Braccia, Vice Chairwoman Ms. Brandy Altergott, Mr. Karan Punjabi, Mr. David Pelaggi, Mr. Angel Torres, Ms. Shelly McDermott, Mr. Kevin Doyle, Mr. Frank Roberts, Mr. Keith Haley**

**Others Present:**

**Mr. Tyrell Sampson Program Supervisor, Ms. Ashley Morgan**

**Members Absent:**

**None**

**Welcome:**

**The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m by Mr. Tyrell Sampson. He took attendance and all members were present.**

**Stamford Parks First Right of Refusal**

**Mr. Tyrell Sampson was contacted by the Town of Stamford regarding 17 park opportunities they may have. Mr. Tyrell Sampson went to these locations, he stated they are more like residential parks. Many do not have parking areas, most are ones that you walk to in a residential area, they do not have electricity at most, and about 80% do not warrant having vending machines. Mr. Tyrell Sampson did not recommend any of these locations.**

**MOTION: Mr. David Pelaggi made the motion to pass on the parks but retain the right for future vending opportunities. Ms. Shelly McDermott seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no opposition or abstentions.**

**South Norwalk Train Station Concession Stand**

**Mr. Tyrell Sampson discussed an opportunity that will be available at the South Norwalk Train Station. When he went there to view the location, it was very small and there is another competing concession stand inside the Train Station. It did not seem like a very viable/profitable location.**

**MOTION: Ms. Brandy Altergott made the motion to pass on this location but retain our vending rights. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Pelaggi. Motion carried unanimously, no opposition or abstentions.**

**Future Opportunity at Bynum Park Greenwich**

**Mr. Tyrell Sampson was contacted regarding this opportunity, he is not looking for a vote on this yet, he just wants to make everyone aware of the possible upcoming opportunity. He has not visited it in person, but the location looked nice online, a seasonal opportunity. It is a community pool accessed only by town residents, with a concession stand. Once he receives more information, he can let everyone know about it via email. He will send out an email to see if anyone is interested in this possible opportunity. If someone is, they could visit it together to look at the set up.**

**Adjournment:**

**Ms. Shelly McDermott made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kevin Doyle. Motion carried unanimously, no opposition or abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.**