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**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:**

Commissioners in Attendance: Chris Balogh, Joe Petrini, Brian Barry, Annmarie McConville, Susan Adams and Sandra Adams

Absent: Excused Pat Delaney, Theresa Nevin, Kathleen Sullivan

Others in Attendance: Bob Gualtieri, Library Director  
Vera Turner  
Ron Atwater, Graduate Student at SCSU –

1. Review February 8, 2010 Minutes

**Mr. Petrini made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting. Dr. Barry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

2. Correspondence

Mr. Balogh read a report on the financing for the Sprout Film Festival from Pat Delaney. Ms. Delaney reports 3 \$100 donations and a \$250 coming from Albertus Magnus.

3. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

4. ADA Coordinator Bob Gualtieri's Report

April 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of the sidewalk repair season. One of the first projects will be in front of the Library where the barricade is set up. Also, at some time this week he will be touring the old middle school facility with Dale Kroop. There are still a few departments that use the building, and they need to determine what would have to be done to bring it up to ADA standards.

5. Committee Reports

Sprout Film Festival

This event has been postponed to September and the date will be arranged by Mimsie Coleman. Ms. Delaney sent out approximately 40 letters and has not heard back from 75% of them. We have \$300 in \$100 donations with an additional \$250 coming from Albertus. Mayor Amento reports that the Elks will be voting on their donation tonight and will advise. She will contact the people who did not respond and give an accounting next month. Mr. Balogh suggested that commissioners email Ms. Delaney with any new ideas for resources.

#### 6. Old Business

Bryan Barry mentioned the possibility of the Commission becoming a member of the Hamden Chamber of Commerce. They will provide a discounted rate. The Chamber's Expo will be hosted this year on April 13<sup>th</sup>, He would like to have our Commission participating. The fee would be \$175 for a one year membership.

He made a motion that the Commission move forward with joining the Chamber. Dr. Barry would donate the cost of the plaques that he ordered for the presentation at the Chamber Awards dinner, which came to about \$107.

**Dr. Barry made a motion that the Commission join the Hamden Chamber of Commerce for a one year period. Susan Adams seconded the motion.**

Ms. McConville was against this idea and said that funds raised from the disabled community attending our events should be spent on them. Ms. Adams explained the possible advantages of joining the Chamber. Ms. McConville agreed that providing we have a balance of over \$500 in the Commission's gift account we should try it for one year and review it when the year is up. Mr. Petrini thinks we should use the Chamber to our advantage. Members automatically get a web link The Chamber has 500 members in the business community. We can also send out information on the disability friendly business of the year award. Dr. Barry felt we might have a subcommittee to do outreach.

**The vote was unanimous in favor.**

#### Spring Fling

Susan Adams reported that the date is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DeMartino is holding up on the printing of flyers until we clarify the at the door price. The Commission decided to charge \$5 if prepaid, and \$8 at the door. Ms. Adams met a woman at a job fair that deals with disabled in West Haven, and she will add her to the Commission's mailing list. Publicity should go to the Advisor, the Post Chronicle and the New Haven Register. After discussion, it was decided to award five \$10 WalMart gift certificates. There will be a cut off date of April 11<sup>th</sup> for prepaid tickets. Pizza, caffeine free soda, water, and snacks will be purchased, and Commissioners will bring dessert items. Mr. Petrini will order six large pizzas from Paul and Eddie's. He will also bring cookies. Ms. McConville and Ms. Adams will also bring something.

Mr. Balogh said we will discuss the Commission's participation in the Memorial Day Parade at our next meeting. He also said Lincoln Tech has expressed interest in participating in the Parade.

#### 7. New Business

8. Adjournment

**Dr. Barry made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Susan Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk