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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: *The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities* held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 12th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Attending: Sandra Adams, Susan Adams, Chris Balogh, Patricia Delaney, Annmarie McConville, Joseph Petrini, Kathleen Sullivan

Absent: Bryan W. Barry, Theresa Nevin, Bob Gualtieri, Library Director

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sullivan motioned to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2010, seconded by Ms. McConville. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for this meeting.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report for this meeting.

ADA Coordinator Bob Gualtieri's Report

Mr. Gualtieri is not present for the meeting, therefore no reports.

Committee Reports

Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

a. *Spring Fling*

A brief discussion ensued regarding the current count of those registered and paid coming to the event, on Friday, April 16, 2010. Ms. McConville reported that she was disappointed in the local papers for not publishing the information provided to them in a timely manner. Mr. Petrini noted that he had spoken with the Clerk, Ms. Tobin the week of April 5 and she had advised him that about 25 people had registered and paid. The question of individuals calling to register than appearing at the door are expecting to pay the pre registration fee and this should not be the case,

if they did not pay the \$5.00 fee when they registered they should then pay the door fee of \$8.00. With the cost of putting on an event it is imperative that the registering people make their payment at the time of registration and if they don't then they should be required to pay the "door" price. This is something that will be discussed for the event next year and how it will be handled. Ms. Susan Adams will not be able to attend the event as planned but has arranged for all the items she was handling to be delivered to other Commission members for the event. Ms. McConville will contact Mr. Dave DeMartino to find out what the exact count is for the event and will let Mr. Petrini know for him to order the correct amount of Pizza's. Some Commission members will be bringing items such as cookies and things to help defray cost of purchasing them.

b. *Parade*

Mr. Balogh inquired of the Commissioners if they wanted to have a car in the parade again this year. Ms. Sullivan felt that it was a safety issue as last year they were tossing candy to the on-lookers and some of the children were running into the street to get the candy and she felt this was a danger. After a brief discussion it was decided that a car would not be part of the parade for the Commission this year. Ms. McConville suggested the Special Olympic Athletics participate in the parade. Ms. Delaney said she would ask the group if they wish to participate. If they do they would wear their T-Shirts and black pants to look uniform and the Commission members will wear their yellow T-Shirts for the event. Ms. Delaney will advise the Commission at the May 2010 meeting. Mr. Balogh will also provide information on Lincoln Tech possibly participating but he had not heard from them and therefore wasn't sure if they still wished to participate.

New Business

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Petrini motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Delaney. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Substitute Clerk