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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Chris Balogh, Bryan Barry, Joe Petrini, Pat Delaney, Theresa Nevin, Annmarie McConville

Others in Attendance: Bob Gualtieri, ADA Coordinator
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk

1. Review July 12, 2010 Minutes

Dr. Barry made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting. Mr. Petrini seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Correspondence

Mr. Balogh has received regular mailings from the Chamber of Commerce, but nothing that needs to be discussed.

Dr. Barry had an invitation today from P.L.A.C.E. to their 4th Annual Fall Festival at Meadowbrook, Saturday, 10/2 from 10-4. He said there is an opportunity for a table in a 10 X 10 foot space. The organization serves multicultural children and children with disabilities.

3. Chairman's Report

Mr. Balogh had nothing to report.

4. ADA Coordinator Bob Gualtieri's Report

Mr. Gualtieri reported that the Community Development Office has received their block grant and some of the funds can go to ADA upgrades for Town buildings. He is looking into upgrades to the upstairs bathrooms at Miller. There is also \$35,000 from Town bonding for ADA improvements, and \$250,000 for general building improvements, not necessarily ADA related. At Miller, on the senior side of the building and on the Library side, there are two entrances, and inner and outer sets of double doors that fly open, which is both a loss of energy and an ADA issue. They have had

complaints on doors closing too soon as people approach the inner doors. There will be a bid for sliding doors to replace the exterior doors. This improvement will help people in wheel chairs and is also an energy efficiency correction. The job will probably go out to bid in October.

5. Old Business:

Committee Reports

Ms. Delaney reminded everyone that the film festival will take place next Friday September 24th from 7 to 8:30. She has posters to hand out and will print up more. Sprout made up the flier using photos Arts Coordinator Mimsie Coleman chose. Ms. Delaney is making sugar free cookies, and is looking for gluten free foods for the reception. Ms. McConville had some mailing addresses for announcements.

Help will be needed setting up the refreshment table and ushering people in. Ms. Coleman and Judith Morgenstern will be hanging the paintings by persons with disabilities later this week. These paintings were shipped from a juried show in Hartford. The person doing the film making workshops after the festival will be there, two artists, and one person that is in the movie. Dr. Barry will make sure the banner is available.

Ms. Delaney said Sprout is doing a film festival of one hour for the Hamden Middle School (on bullying) free of charge.

Mr. Gualtieri said as a follow up to the film festival, Sprout has reserved space in this room for Hamden to make a film to submit to next year's film festival at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. They would like to keep the number of participants under 15-20. There will be a small shortage in funds, and Young Audiences will make up the difference of about \$200. The movie will feature local disabled artists, visual, musical, etc. The program will recognize those who contributed to the cost of the event. Ms. Delaney will do the inside of the program and Anthony DeSalvo of Sprout will do the cover.

Commissioners will email Ms. Delaney what they want to bring. Dr. Barry will donate some small bottles of Poland Spring water and will drop it off to Ms. Coleman, as he will be unable to attend. Ms. Nevin will provide cheese because it is gluten free. Ms. McConville will bring sweet something.

6. New Business:

Columbus Day Parade – There was discussion on the Commission being in the parade. Ms. Delaney also wants to include an Italian American gentleman who will be 104 in November – and lives alone. Dr. Barry agreed to drive his car.

Barbeque – Annmarie said she would not be willing to do it again, Mr. Petrini agreed. This year they had problems with grill, and there is too much stuff to lug. She would rather add a third dance, . Discussion followed. The commission will rethink this event.

Ms. McConville mentioned October 29th or November 5th, for a post/pre Halloween party. Commissioners felt we should not have a costume party. Ms. McConville will get a definite date from Mr. DeMartino.

Ms. McConville mentioned that she would like to honor Dave DeMartino for all of his help with the Commission's functions. She would also at some point like to recognize the custodial staff at the Middle School.

Ms. Delaney made up an “event report” form for use in keeping track of each event.

6. Adjournment

Dr. Barry made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Delaney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk

Next meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2010