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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 8, 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, Annmarie McConville, Kathleen Sullivan, Joe Petrini

Commissioners Absent: Theresa Nevin

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

Mr. Balogh called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Balogh announced that Joe Petrini has submitted his resume effective April, 2011. He will be sorely missed. We have a couple of vacancies we need to fill and one prospective member. Mr. Balogh thanked Pat Delaney for all of her work on the film festival. Ms. Delaney asked if the Commission could purchase some of the film festival films for the library. The event cost approximately \$4,400. Community donations were \$1,900. Ms. Coleman contacted Young audiences and they got a grant for \$2,000. There were also in-kind donations. The whole event was reasonably inexpensive. The completed film has to be submitted by 12/1. There is a wonderful array of handicaps represented in the film. The film shows people who overcome perceived disabilities. There will probably be one more showing.

1. Review September 13, 2010 Minutes

Ms. Delaney made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13th meeting. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Correspondence
No correspondence.

3. Chairman's Report
No report.

4. ADA Coordinator Bob Gualtieri's Report

Mr. Gualtieri reported that one of the fraternities from Quinnipiac (Sigma Pi Epsilon) with 85 members, contacted the Mayor's Office for volunteer opportunities. The Mayor's Office gets many calls for shoveling walks and driveway aprons for the elderly and disabled, and also leaf raking and grass cutting.

There is a project at Miller Library to improve the front doors at the library and the front doors at the senior entrance. There is a tendency for those doors to close too soon. Sliders will be installed in their place. There is also money for upgrading the restrooms at the Keefe Center and two library branches to make them more ADA compliant. Quotes are being requested, and there is money for the project. The doors should be completed by the end of November. The bid has been awarded.

5. Committee Reports

Ms. McConville showed the proclamation for Mr. DeMartino that will be presented at Friday's nights dance.

There was discussion on the Columbus Day Parade. Ms. McConville had a framed photo of Mr. Mele in Dr. Barry's car in the parade. Everyone had a great time.

Ms. McConville sent out an email regarding the dance Friday, November 12th from 7-9:00 p.m. at Hamden Middle School. Ms. McConville has two 24 cases of water and six bags of soda. Discussion followed on food items for the dance. Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Delaney, Ms. McConville, Mr. Petrini, Dr. Barry and Mr. Balogh will help. Ms. Delaney will bring the decorations.

There was discussion on purchasing SPROUT films. Ms. Delaney will purchase the films and submit her receipt. This might also make a good press release. Dr. Barry also suggested we have a photographer on board for a press release.

Dr. Barry proposed that the commission purchase prizes for a raffle and give each attendee a raffle ticket when they enter. The commission has 5 gift certificates left from the last dance which will be used for Friday's event. Ms. McConville will purchase a roll of tickets.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Schedule for 2011

Dr. Barry made a motion to approve the schedule for 2011. Ms. Delaney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Balogh acknowledged Mr. Petrini's resignation effective April 1st and everyone thanked him for his service over many years.

Nominations for Vice Chair

Mr. Balogh made a motion to nominate Bryan Barry as Vice Chair. Ms. Delaney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Dr. Barry accepted the position of Vice Chair.

8. Adjournment

Dr. Barry made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Delaney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk