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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Chris Balogh, Bryan Barry, Eileen Carpinella, Pat Delaney, Annmarie McConville, Rosalie Cavanaugh, Jon Dwyer

Commissioners Excused: Kathleen Sullivan

Others in Attendance: Marc Dupont, ADA Coordinator Chris Marchand, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Review Minutes of April 8, 2013

Dr. Barry made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2013. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Correspondence

3. Chairman's Report

4. ADA Coordinator Chris Marchand's Report

Mr. Marchand reported that there were no new ADA complaints. At last month's meeting Mr. Marchand reported two sidewalk complaints. One was from a person who had trouble getting from Arden House at the corner of Mix Avenue and Skiff Street to an apartment. The Town took care of this right away along with appropriate curb cuts. The other issue was at Putnam Avenue near Dunbar Davenport, and the property owners took care of that one after Planning & Zoning sent a citation.

Ground was broken for the all abilities playground at Town Center Park, and it is scheduled to be completed prior to the fireworks on June 29th.

At the last meeting, Ms. Delaney reported an issue with the rubber at the curb cut in front of Bon Ton. That has been repaired.

5. Committee Reports

Ms. McConville mentioned that Ms. Cavanaugh should be acknowledged for managing to get pizza donated for the dance from several vendors. She said that getting the free pizza added over \$100 to the profit from the dance. Ms. McConville said there were over 90 people in attendance. Ms. Cavanaugh will send thank you notes to the businesses that donated pizza.

6. Old Business

Mr. Balogh mentioned that the parade orders have not been received to date. Ms. Tobin reported that the Mayor's Office did receive the commission's registration form. There was discussion on what groups might join the commission to march. Dr. Barry will drive his convertible.

There was discussion on using some of the commission's funds to sponsor a bus trip, perhaps to a ball game, limited to Hamden residents, especially those living at home.

The Sprout film festival is coming up on Friday evening, May 31st at 6:30 p.m. Craig Norton of Sprout will announce, and one of the teaching artists from Arts for Learning Connecticut will speak. This program is being cosponsored by this Commission, the Hamden Arts Commission and VSA. and presents short films celebrating the abilities of people with disabilities. Members are asked to bring snacks and/or desserts. The program will last approximately 90 minutes. Mr. Balogh said he would like to see the Commission purchase some of the films for donation to the Hamden Library, as we have done in the past. Ms. Delaney mentioned that we should remind people that they can borrow these films from the Library.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment

Ms. Delaney made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk