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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Ms. McConville, Mr. Balogh, Dr. Barry, Mr. Dupont, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Cavanaugh, Ms. Delaney

Commissioners Excused: Ms. Dobin

Others in Attendance: ADA Coordinator Mr. Marchand, Commission Clerk Ms. Tobin

Mr. Balogh called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. Review Minutes of March 10, 2014

Dr. Barry made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10th meeting. Ms. McConville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Balogh had nothing to report.

4. ADA Coordinator Chris Marchand's Report

Mr. Marchand no ADA related correspondence, and said there had been no new complaints.

5. Committee Reports

Ms. McConville said we already have 60 reservations for the dance. She also had three for the Memorial Day Parade. Misha Campbell from Special Olympics attended the Business After Hours and will now work with the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce and Nancy Dudcik for possible support.

Regarding the night of the dance, we will have to have money on hand when the pizzas are delivered. The deadline for reservations for the dance is 4/21 and the dance will take place on 4/25. Ms. Cavanaugh will call Giovanni's first since they have been very generous in the past and will look for the best price. There was discussion on how many pizzas would be needed. Ms. McConville has purchased the gift certificates and DJ Velardi will be there. Commissioners each received the list of what to bring.

Ms. Delaney asked if the Commission wants to try the bus trip to a baseball game again. A commissioner suggested the New Britain Rock Cats, which are connected to the Yankees. She would require a \$10 deposit, for a date mid August, then the balance 2-3 weeks before the date. The picnic is about \$27-\$30 and if friends and family wish to attend we will charge them \$5 for the bus. We will pay for the bus. Games are at 1:30 in the afternoon. The bus will cost \$500-\$600. There was discussion on liability for the bus trip. Ms. Carpinella suggested a Quinnipiac fall game might be better in that attendees would have to provide their own transportation. Ms. Delaney will check with Quinnipiac to see what they might have coming up in September. We could also try Yale football. The Commission will start working on this at its May for the fall. Amy Rosen is the Quinnipiac representative to the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Delaney said we might have more sign ups for the parade. Ms. Delaney checked into shirts, and embroidered shirts are about \$25, and 12 is the minimum. She was not sure what the screen printed shirts would cost. Dr. Barry will check his contact that does the awards. They already have the design.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Mr. Dupont mentioned he attend a Governor's Transition Committee meeting and spoke with the head of the New Haven Disabilities Commission. They are interested in sharing some activities. They are also looking for people for the Festival of Arts and Ideas. New Haven doesn't sponsor events, but brings in speakers for their meetings. Mr. Dupont will continue to share information.

Ms. Carpinella presented information on presentation of art by adolescents and young adults with mental illness. The exhibit will take place from May 4th to the 31st at the Mercy Center in Madison. The exhibit opens on Sunday, May 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit is called Mind Fields. More than 30 pieces of art will be on display.

8. Adjournment

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

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk

