

Commission on Disability Rights and Opportunities

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2014 MEETING

Commissioners in Attendance: Chris Balogh,, Rachel Dobin, Marc Dupont, Jon Dwyer, Rosalie Cavanaugh, Pat Delaney, Annmarie McConville

Commissioners Excused: Eileen Carpinella, Bryan Barry

Guests: Annmarie Michaud of the Kennedy Center, Doreen Steel

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Balogh called the meeting to order 7:10 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of April 21, 2014

Mr. Dupont made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Chairman's Report

Mr. Balogh had nothing to report

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5. ADA Coordinator's Report

Mr. Marchand received no new complaints from individuals. Ms. Cavanaugh mentioned that she was approached by a man who told her of his trip to the Memorial Town Hall/Police Facility. Crossing from the Brownstone to the facility, there is a big lip at the crosswalk ramp. The one going from the Town Hall to the Fountain is not much better. Mr. Marchand advised that the State will be redoing the intersection and will repair the ramps.

In addition, Ms. Cavanaugh reported that there are no push buttons at the doors of the facility, both at the front of the building and at the police entrance/exits. Mr. Marchand said there was a long discussion regarding this at last week's department head meeting. The people that need to know are aware that the problems need to be corrected as soon as possible.

6. Old Business

Ms. McConville reported a successful Spring Fling with nearly 100 people in attendance. Guests came from all over, as far away as Cromwell and Milford. Attendees had a wonderful time. Too much pizza was ordered. Commissioners decided 12 12 slice pizzas is what we need for future events.

7. New Business

Annmarie Michaud from the Kennedy Center was in attendance. She said that the Kennedy Center is

looking to open a facility in Hamden. Five Hamden individuals are driving to Fairfield every day. She was accompanied by Doreen Steel.

There were questions regarding the Commission tee shirts. Ms. Delaney had prices for straight embroidery without the logo. There would be no charge for setup. 12 is the minimum order. Prices and styles vary. There was discussion regarding color. It was decided to go with white with green writing. Several commissioners will participate in the Memorial Day Parade. At least 10 over 21 disabled residents have signed up to accompany them.

Ms. Delaney mentioned that five Hamden residents on different Special Olympics teams that are competing at Princeton, New Jersey.

There was a brief discussion on the Commission sponsoring Quinnipiac basketball games for the over 21 disabled population.

Ms. Cavanaugh and Mr. Dwyer will not be at the June meeting.

Ms. Michaud said she is working with families in the Hamden area that have had problems with Hamden police officers when issues arose with their disabled kids acting out. She mentioned an occasion when there was a problem at a summer concert and she tried to contact Hamden's community officer and could not get a return call. Mr. Marchand will bring this to the attention of the appropriate person.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Delaney made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk