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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTES: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Kathleen Sullivan, Annmarie McConville, Joe Petrini, Chris Balogh, Susan Adams, Sandra Adams, Pat Delaney, Theresa Nevin

Commissioners Absent: Bryan Barry

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

Mr. Balogh called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Review May 10, 2010 Minutes

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2010. Mr. Petrini seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Correspondence
No correspondence

3. Chairman's Report
Nothing to report

4. ADA Coordinator Bob Gualtieri's Report
Mr. Gualtieri received an inquiry for a resident in a Mix Avenue apartment regarding ADA issues. He referred the citizen to the Commission on Disability Rights and Advocacy. Mr. Gualtieri said most of the complaints he gets are in regard to the lack of sufficient handicapped parking.

Mr. Gualtieri said he is starting to update the Library's disability collection for adults and for the children's room, and he asked for ideas from the commissioners.

5. Committee Reports

Ms. McConville and Ms. Sullivan will co-chair the barbeque. They need to get the Saturday date in July or August from Dave DeMartino of Parks & Recreation. Pre-registration is mandatory. Basically what must be done is the mailing of flyers, getting the responses and purchasing the food. The location at Brooksvale was discussed. The picnic will run from 4-7:00 p.m. Ms. Delaney will bring a boombox. The price was decided at \$6. All attendees will pay. Ms. McConville will talk to Mr. DeMartino about using the barn for the picnic rain or shine. Commissioners are asked to bring a food item. Also, spatulas are needed. Ms. McConville will check for the games, and Parks & Recreation might have some.

Mr. Gualtieri said if you have an event you want to publicize send an electronic press release to Julie Smith (jsmith@hamden.com) and she will put up on the town's web site.

Ms. Delaney distributed a report on the Sprout Film Festival. Susan Adams agreed we should not charge, but we should have a donation box at the festival. There was discussion on funding and it appears that the Commission has most of the needed funds to proceed. There will be an art show in the lobby while the film festival is going on. The workshops will be held in the Activity Room of the Senior Center. Colleges, disability organizations, and others will be notified once the contract is signed and when the press kit is received. We have not chosen the films as yet, but it might be a good idea to choose the ones that were presented at the Cannes Film Festival and Sundance. The star of three of the films lives in Hamden and he will be available for the film festival. Ms. Coleman and Judy Morgenstern will get in touch with press contacts.

At the July meeting, we will agree to have a special meeting on the film festival on the second Monday in August (9th).

Ms. McConville said a photo from the dance appeared in the Advisor.

6. Old Business

Mr. Balogh thanks commissioners who participated in the Memorial Day Parade, Ms. Delaney and Ms. Sandra Adams, and also Marybeth Delaney.

7. New Business

Columbus Day Parade - Commission participation will be discussed at a future meeting.

Ms. Sullivan asked that all commissioners bring dessert or something for the barbecue. Also bring spatulas, coolers, etc.

8. Adjournment

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

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk