

**Town of Hamden  
Community Development Citizens Advisory Commission  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
6:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom/Telephonically**

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**Minutes**

**1. Attendance/ Roll Call**

- a. In Attendance: Brian Courtney, Commission Chair; Michael Brooks, Joyce Blandon, Mike Johnson, Robert Werner; and Tom Whitbread
- b. Absent: Candace Birks, Robin Lamott-Sparks
- c. Others in Attendance: M. Kroop- Program Specialist; Patrice LeMoine, Commission Clerk

**2. Call to Order:** Chairman Courtney called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**3. Approval of Past Minutes from February Meeting**

- a. Mr. Courtney requested a motion to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2022 meeting. Mr. Werner motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitbread. Vote: six were in favor and the vote passed.

**4. Community Development Manager's Report**

- a. **PSA (Public Service Agency)** – M. Kroop sent to the commissioners the applications for this evening's interviews.

With no further discussion, M. Kroop introduced the first applicant.

**Partnership Adult Day Care** – At 6:15 p.m. the director of the agency gave an overview of the center; how they were able to provide services during the pandemic and moving forward since reopening. Their request is \$28,700. The interview concluded at 6:18 p.m.

**Columbus House** – At 6:30 p.m. Malynda Mallory was introduced to the commission. She provided an overall summary of the organization’s mission and vision and their shelter programs (main and seasonal). Their request is \$15,000. The interview concluded at 6:40 p.m.

**YMCA Childcare Summer Camp Program** – Erin Kelly and Kathryn Forsyth were introduced at 6:50 p.m. They gave their report of last year’s enrollment, income and expenses and the enrichment program that they are looking to build this coming year. The request is \$5,000. Presentation concluded at 7:01 p.m.

**Mae’s Closet (Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers of Gtr New Haven)** – Marilyn Bergen, Ann Levinson, and Jane Ferrall presented their request at 7:06 p.m. Their request is \$5,000. Interview concluded at 7:23 p.m.

**Hamden Youth Connections** – Barbara Brandon and Cheryl Kasprzycki (Founder) presented their request at 7:28 p.m. This is a mentoring program for the Hamden middle school and high students. The request is for \$15,000. Interview ended at 7:40 p.m.

**Hamden CERT Emergency Services** – Robert Freeman entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to present the Fire Department’s update on the purchase of a vehicle for transporting the elderly and other residents for emergency purchases. The vehicle requires updates to be compliant with state regulations and department needs. Mr. Freeman thanked the commission for their support. The request is \$7,800. The interview ended at 7:55 p.m.

**Hamden Rovers Soccer Camp** – At 7:58 p.m. Robert Tuilonge, Mike Minto, Kirk Gordon, and Donovan Lofters introduced their program to the commissioners. Each gentleman introduced the various programs of the camp and the enrollment figures for the upcoming season. The request is \$12,500. The presentation ended at 8:08 p.m.

5. **Old Business:** Nothing to present
6. **New Business:** Nothing to present
  
7. **Adjournment:** At 8:10 pm, Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Werner. All were in favor.

**Submitted by:** Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission