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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Minutes: The Hamden Commission on Disability Rights & Opportunities held a Regular Meeting via Zoom on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. The following topics were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mrs. Cavanaugh, Ms. Cavanaugh, Ms. Cooney, Ms. Dobin, Mr. Dupont, Ms. Delaney (via telephone), Ms. Frodel
Commissioners Absent: Ms. Steel

1. Call to Order

Ms. Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of March 9, 2020

Informal notes of October 14, 2020 (no approval necessary)

Ms. Delaney made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9th meeting. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

4. Chairman's Report

Ms. Cavanaugh had nothing to report

5. ADA Coordinator Kathy Walsh's Report

Ms. Walsh was not in attendance.

6. Committee Reports

Ms. Frodel informed the commissioners that she called Mr. DeMartino in Parks and Recreation regarding hosting a virtual dance party in June and if Parks & Recreation would pay for the DJ. She has not heard back. Ms. Delaney said she spoke to Dave the DJ who is familiar with such events. Ms. Frodel can help coordinate and said we will have to get the link out to the people that usually attend our dances. Our next meeting is on February 8th, so we could make it for the following Friday. She has not mentioned this idea to the group homes, but can put feelers out to see if they have access to video/audio. Perhaps we should try to hold this event in March as it will take time to get it out to everyone.

Ms. Cavanaugh asked if there is a way to keep control of who is in attendance. Ms. Delaney will check with Dave the DJ. Ms. Frodel will look into this a little more and Ms. Delaney will speak to her son for his input.

Ms. Delaney made a motion to approve the idea of a virtual dance party. Mr. Dupont seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Delaney asked Mr. Dupont how his disability rating project is going. He replied that he is not working on it at this point because not too many people are going out.

Ms. Delaney received more information from Sprout regarding film festivals. She will get more information after Christmas. She said they usually show three unique films, each running 2-3 minutes, and two other films. Films can be chosen by categories. The last time we held a Sprout Film Festival it was very successful. We showed all award winning films from around the world. When it was shown to Middle School students, it helped them to open up doors to their feelings.

7. Old Business

Ms. Delaney mentioned that regarding the Yard Goats game next year, Probus is willing to give us \$300 (or more) to pay for tickets for the disabled.

8. New Business

Approval of 2021 meeting schedule

Ms. Delaney made a motion to approve proposed 2021 meeting schedule of the Commission on Disability Rights and Opportunities. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)

Mrs. Cavanaugh called for nominations for Commission chair. Ms. Delaney nominated herself for the position. Mrs. Cavanaugh called two additional times for nominations for Commission Chair. There were no additional nominations.

Mrs. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve Ms. Delaney as Commission chair for a term of one year. Ms. Cooney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Cavanaugh called for nominations for Commission vice chair. Ms. Cavanaugh nominated Mrs. Cavanaugh as vice chair. Mrs. Cavanaugh called two additional times for nominations for Commission vice chair. There were no additional nominations.

Ms. Frodel made a motion to approve Mrs. Cavanaugh as vice chair. Mr. Dupont seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Delaney made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Commissioners wished each other safe and happy holidays. The next meeting of the Commission is February 8, 2021

Submitted by: _____