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HARTFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES MEETING MINUTES 5:30 PM. - 7:00 P.M. November 3, 2021

This is a ZOOM Meeting.

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PRESENT: Janet Wallans, Chair; Debra St Germain, Co-Chair; Cheryl Zeiner, Secretary;
Kenneth Cayones; Cathy Spera; Kate Pacelle

STAFF: Kimberly Taylor

Janet called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

The minutes of October 6, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Cheryl made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Kate seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Debra reported that there was no further news regarding the renovation and opening of the second building at the Parkville Market since her last report, last month. It is hopeful that by next summer will complete. Janet suggested that members of the Commission be there to make certain accessibility issues have been addressed.
- Cheryl reported that the Hartford Resource book will be coming out soon if it has not been printed already. She will check with Tianna Starks or Janice Castle to determine if pamphlets sent to them with additional information on disability resources was helpful. She will also determine how the booklet can be accessed more readily for those unable to go to City Hall and pick one up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Janet reviewed an email sent to her from Karen Taylor. She is requesting from each commission what activity took place within the past year and goals each commission would like to set for the coming year.
Discussion ensued. This past year efforts by HCDI centered upon attempts to collaborate with other commissions and agencies with similar goals of reaching out to Hartford residents with disabilities. Contact was made with Leslie Manselle with Commission on Aging and Disability Rights CT. Collaborative efforts will continue next year with Commission on Aging. Disability Rights CT spoke at one of the meetings and emails commissioners on upcoming events they are participating in, but collaboration was not something they were interested in pursuing.
In the coming year, we will be following up with Parkville Market and inspect accessibility issues addressed. We will continue to work on collaborative issues with the Commission on Aging. We will also reach out to the Office of Community Engagement for assistance in reaching out to Hartford residents with disabilities to assess and address needs and concerns. We would also like to make the Commission more visible and increase the number of Commissioners on our Commission. Making the Commission more visible is the goal.

Kate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Zeiner, Secretary