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Hartford Commission on Disability Issues Meeting Minutes March 2, 2022

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Kathy Marseglia

STAFF: Kimberly Taylor

GUESTS: Lt. Felicia Graves, Hartford Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Janet at 5:32PM.

The minutes of last month's meeting were reviewed. Debra made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Cheryl will contact Leslie Manselle of the Commission on Aging to see if she can attend the monthly meeting in April or May. The purpose will be to see how the two commissions can work together on shared concerns.

Janet will contact Elda Sinani of Hartford Department of Licenses and Inspection to see if she can attend a meeting so that we can express concerns about how the Commission can be kept in the loop regarding the ADA compliance of new and/or renovated buildings in Hartford.

Lt. Felicia Graves spoke about the outreach done by the Hartford Fire Dept. When questioned, she indicated that there was no list of Hartford residents who have disabilities. She explained that when emergencies arise, they are notified if someone in that residence has a disability. Janet indicated that she was hopeful that a list might allow the Commission to reach more residents who might have a disability. Lt Graves also explained that the focus is on seniors. Janet suggested that in the future residents could be informed of the existence of the Commission. Lt Graves suggested that the NRZS are also good places to let the public know of the Commission. She also suggested the partnering with members of the Commission when making home visits. She suggested that developing information i.e., pamphlet that she could distribute when going into resident's homes.

Debra suggested that she come to another CDI monthly meeting so that we could finalize plans to go to meetings together and disseminate the information.

Lt. Graves also suggested we contact someone from Housing who might have information regarding residents who have disabilities. She indicated she would come to next month's meeting with someone from Housing.

After Lt Graves signed off of the meeting, discussion ensued regarding the importance of partnering with the Fire Dept to attend meetings together. Most of the Commissioners would be able to attend the meetings based upon their individual schedules.

There is a meeting on March 16th for the Hartford commission chairs.

Debra suggested that a copy of the ordinance of the Commission be sent to commissioners so that each will know what the Commission's mission is. Kim will take care of that.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Zeiner, Secretary