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HARTFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES MEETING MINUTES 5:30 PM. - 7:00PM December 7, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

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PRESENT: Janet Wallans(phone); Debra St Germain, Vice Chair; Cheryl Zeiner, Secretary; Cathy Spera;

Kenneth Cayones; Kate Pacelle

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Kathy Marseglia

STAFF: Kimberly Taylor

GUESTS: Margaret Banker(Hartford Transit/ADA Services); Lt. Graves, Hartford Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM by Debra St Germain.

Margaret Banker began the meeting with an overview of the services of Hartford Transit/ADA Transportation including the catchment areas. These include Hartford, Bristol, and New Britain. The schedules coincide with their bus schedules. Express routes are not included. The entire services are explained on the Greater Hartford website, greaterhartfordtransit.org. She also described the taxi services available including Freedom Ride and the Encompass Program. That information is also found on the website. Rides can be scheduled. Stats of rides checked and payment options. Rides can also be cancelled.

Lt. Graves of HFD reviewed citywide monthly statistics for calls to the fire department. She had to leave early as a result of a call.

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Janet requested that Debra's title be changed to Vice Chair. Minutes should also reflect that Janet was not asked to meet with City Council. It was suggested that if she had some serious concerns about what Council expected of ours and other commissions, she might consider it. She indicated she was not interested in doing so. It was suggested that if we did have concerns in the future, we might consider it. With the above corrections, Debra made a motion to accept the minutes. Cathy seconded the motion. Kate abstained as she was not at the meeting. Motion carried.

Commission goals next year include recruiting more commissioners and becoming more visible. Debra reviewed recent meetings we have co shared with the Hartford Fire Dept at various senior living centers and senior centers.

Debra moved to take the meeting with Elda off the agenda. Kate seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next year's Commission meetings schedule was emailed to Commissioners
- HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Debra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kenneth seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Zeiner, Secretary