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HARTFORD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES MEETING MINUTES 5:30 PM. - 7:00PM February 1, 2023

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PRESENT: Janet Wallans, Chair; Debra St Germain, Vice Chair; Cheryl Zeiner, Secretary;
Kate Pacelle; Cathy Spera

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Cathy Marseglia; Kenneth Cayones

STAFF: Kim Taylor

The January minutes were reviewed. Debra made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Kate abstained as she was not at the meeting.

DISABILITY AWARENESS:

- Janet was not able to get to Theater Works. She will check Hartford Stage to evaluate their attention to accessibility issues.
- Debra nominated the Bushnell as they have gone out of their way to address accessibility issues. She also suggested possibly Beth Schuler of the Hartford Marathon.
- Kate will check with the Wadsworth Athenium.
- After some discussion it was decided to limit the focus on entertainment venues.
- Debra suggested visitations between now and summer to each organization to see how they are responding to accessibility concerns.
- Kim will need to know the date of the celebration and whether it will be on zoom or in person so that she can make sure space is available, if needed.
- Debra suggested setting a date and if we have to change it we can. Refreshments, if needed, will be part of the discussion.

HCDI GOALS FOR 2023

- Debra reviewed what we have been doing in the past with the Hartford Fire Department involving meeting with them at various senior centers and to continue that. We also will continue to main contact with Karen Taylor and her efforts as described in last month's minutes
- Janet also suggested finding out what other commissions are doing in Hartford and surrounding areas.
- We will also maintain close contact with the Commission on Aging.
- Kate suggested taking this off the agenda unless there is a significant change in the activity described.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- January 8th was the last day of the skating in Bushnell Park

Debra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Spera seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM.