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# CITY OF HARTFORD

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

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

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

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Janet Wallans; Kenneth Cayones

**STAFF:** Kim Taylor

**GUESTS:** Lt Graves, Hartford Fire Department

Debra called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

The May minutes were reviewed. Kate made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Lt Graves reviewed citywide activity within the past month for the Hartford Fire Department. This included EMS, fires, hazardous waste responses, rescues, and service calls in all areas of the city. The fire on Evergreen Ave this past week involved rescuing some residents with disabling conditions. Per question from Cheryl, she indicated they were all successfully placed in temporary situations. Senior presentations with HFD are being scheduled. The next one is June 8<sup>th</sup> at Capitol Towers. She apologized for late notice as it was too late for any commissioners to attend. She will get back to us when further presentations are scheduled.

#### **DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH (OCTOBER)**

- As previously discussed, we will be focusing on the arts. Bushnell, Hartford Stage and Theater Works have been singled out for recognition for their efforts to make productions all inclusive.
- Debra made a motion to recognize the efforts of the above three to promote inclusion of residents with all abilities. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
- DISCUSSION centered around who will be invited, who will be speaking and press coverage. Andy Hart from Hartford News will be contacted.
- Information will be gathered during summer and presented at the September meeting.
- Proclamation and banner will be set up. Kim indicated that the probable date for the event is 10/11/23. She will be contacting the clerk to say that there is a special event planned.
- October is also Spanish Heritage month so we will be sharing banner time with them.
- We will also be discussing in September, when in City Hall this will take place. Kim will see if the Function Room is available.
- Kate suggested inviting the Commission on Aging; HFD; Sr Centers and others from senior housing. This will be finalized during the September meeting. This will include who from each organization will be invited.
- Further research into each organization being recognized will take place. Kate will follow up with Hartford Stage and Cheryl will follow up with Theater Works. The next HCDI meeting will be in September as meetings as there are no meetings during the summer.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- NEAT is putting on a presentation on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to let the public be aware of all that they offer.
- Kim indicated that there will be a special presentation celebrating Juneteenth on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1PM-5:00PM at the Bushnell.

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Zeiner, Secretary