



# Danbury Commission on Persons With disAbilities

155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

## Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2010

Meeting called to Order 6:30 PM

1. Attendance:

John Gentile	John Neumuller
Bill Lewis	Joanne LaPorta
Chad Sinanian	

Guests:

John M. Gentile Jr.  
Shirley Ricart, WeCAHR  
Larry Robinson, Bridgeport Commission on Persons with disAbilities.

2. Phone Log:

John Gentile  
2- Calls: 1. Micki Cappiallo – Issue with Nephew – advised and referred  
2. Joseph – in a Nursing Home – advised and referred to P&A

3. Minutes Meeting:

1. Review of the September minutes?

4. Appointments:

1. Checked the Common Council Agenda for the past 2 months not done yet .  
2. Follow-up with P. J. at the Mayors office?

5. Guest Speaker: Shirley Ricart – Executive Director, WeCAHR

1. Spoke to inform the Commission on the Aging in Place Project.  
a. Adopt the Beacon Hill Concept with support of the D.D. Council  
b. Identify the need in the Danbury Area  
c. Access to the Community  
d. Identify Resources and create a network for those resources.  
e. Advocate for Persons with disAbilities to age in their home.



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## 6. Hart On-Demand Transportation Update:

1. Will look to address the Owners Cab Companies to release Accessible cabs via the Freedom Fund (Federal Grant). Will share with the Danbury Area Cab Companies.
2. Will be conducting a Survey and who will share in the Survey.
3. Next meeting Wed., Nov. 10, 10:30 AM, at HART.

## 7. Recognition Award: To the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

1. John Neumuller will get the Mayor to sign the award. certificate.
2. We will present the award as soon as we can confirm a date with Sharon Batley.

## 8. Open Discussion:

1. Larry Robinson – Invited the Danbury Commissioners to address the Bridgeport Commission on Persons with disAbilities.
2. Bill Lewis – Raised an issue of Handicap Placards being re-evaluated by the DMV. He also raised a question on Voting Access.
3. Chad Sinanian – Brought to our attention the start of a Danbury Area Collaborative.

## 9. Next Meeting:

1. November 9, 2010