



City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disabilities
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DY: J. Gentile

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022 - 6:30pm

Meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Conference Call: (call-in number: 605-562-8400 Access Code: 4775141)

Please note: If you experience a busy signal or have trouble getting into the conference line keep trying as these conference lines do encounter overload due to the meeting face to face restrictions. John Gentile will setup a ZOOM meeting but the free ZOOM account only allows for 45 minute use time with 3 or more attendees.

Attendance: John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouclier, Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller, Chad Sinanian, Quentin Hughes

Excused: Frances Rya, Frank Reed

Guest: Isabel Domer

- John Gentile: Welcome & Introduction (Time & Date) 6:34 PM 05/10/22
Motion to accept the Minutes of the 04/12/22 meeting, John N.- Motion, Joannw L. 2nd, All Yea
- Phone Log: No phone messages this month, sent Meeting announcement to Elisa at City Hall

Old Business, Announcements, Updates:

- 1) Commissioners – Update – Spoke with Jeff Doyle about his appointment and resent his letter to the Mayor’s Office for approval and appointment. Spoke with Jonathan Barney at the Mayor’s Office he will follow up.
 - 2) Update on COVID restrictions – City Hall is now open for to hold meeting but we will continue to meet on Zoom and re-evaluate in September.
 - 3) Follow Up on Zoom Account – We now have a Zoom account with the city with the assistance of Frank Gentile, City of Danbury IT, so our meeting is no longer confined to 40 minutes.
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- Seeking One Regular & Three alternates: Fran R., will follow up with John KleinHans in the Mayor’s Office and report back next Month
 - Social media report: **Jeff Offered to take Over Social Media Page? Discussion**
Facebook Facebook.com/DanburyC4PWD Likes: 222 Follows: 229 (as of 6/9/2020)
Twitter Twitter.com/DanburyC4PWD 353 followers (as of 6/9/2020)
Jeff said he is still interested in working on this will follow up next month.
 - On Demand Transportation:
kept as an open item – Chad raised the issue again on “On Demand Transportation”

that he had worked on it some time ago. He restated the case for the need for this transportation. The funding and the desire to bring in a Taxi like service for people with disAbilities has waned in lite of COVID and other funding sources drying up. The problem is we must have access to transportation at a cost that does not exceed the cost to the general population. We will keep this as an open Item until done.

John/All: Open Discussion – Isabel asked John N. how the case with the YMCA in Brookfield was going. He said they will hold a hearing on May 17 via Dispute Resolution.

John N provided us with Senator Kushner phone number 860-240-0509.

John G asked Joanne L. how things were going with the Family's decision to move South. She replied that the will put the house on the market in June, she has a job waiting for her when she get settled, still packing but have not found a house yet? Discussion on the Real estate Market in Danbury and how expensive the houses are now?

Discussion on the need for additional School space in Danbury as the City continues to grow.

- Meeting Adjourned 7:17 Motion Joanne L, Motion John N, 2nd, All Yea
- Next Meeting scheduled for June 14, 2022, 6:30 PM

(No Meetings Scheduled during July and August)

We work to put the "A" in ability - the Commission has many goals including focusing on the Abilities of those with disAbilties. The Commission was established to advise the Mayor and the Common Council of the needs of persons with disAbilities within the community with relation to housing, economics, employment, transportation, health, recreation and other matters. The Commission was formed by Sec. 2-56.13 of the City of Danbury Code of Ordinances. The City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at Danbury City Hall, at 6:30pm. We do not meet in July and August.

