

Attendees: Robie Barile, John Gentile, John Gentile Jr., Carlene Barker, Chad Sinnian

Special Guest: Julio Lopez (ADA Compliance Officer 797-4598)

Agenda:

1. Welcome: John Gentile
2. Minutes of January 11, 2005: Robie Barile
3. Mayor's Letter: Attached
4. Julio Lopez: DisAbility Issues
5. Phone Log: John Gentile
6. Open Discussion:
7. Next Meeting: March 8, 2005

1. John opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Attendance was recorded.
2. There were no minutes for January as we did not have a meeting due to impending stormy weather. Minutes from December were handed out.
3. John wanted to explain the meaning of proposed bill no 62 and the letter that the Mayor sent out to everyone. The letter was to ask us to contact our representatives about the ethics bill that was initiated because of the Rowland scandal. We, in Danbury have a high percentage of good ethics and could be a standard for others in the state. Please vote NO. A copy of the letter is attached with the minutes that were handed out in the meeting.
4. Julio Lopez gave us the status of two cases that are in process at this time. Jim Barbaries is the first one. The restaurant was supposed to start construction for ADA requirements in January and has been uncooperative to this point. At this point they have to comply with the demands given, or else they will be fined by the Federal Government. Another case involves the house at 133 Deer Hill Avenue which is used by a lawyer's office. It has been suggested that they comply to advertising to those individuals needing assistance, to provide a service to have the lawyer come and do house calls as there is not adequate parking and walking area for the disabled persons. Julio said he would hold them accountable for providing this service to disabled persons.
5. John reported only 2 phone calls this month and one of them was from Julio Lopez.
6. Robie handed out a copy of the email she sent to Melissa Adams for the Disabilities Site. All changes have been done and accounted for. Robie also gave a copy of the letter from the Mayor to the Common Council Members confirming the reappointment of John Gentile to the Commission. Robie did ask for Melissa Adams to add an email address that would be available to all members of the Commission. Robie will get access information to Commission members.

Chad will go to WeCAHR to ask people to join the Commission. At this time, we have 2 full vacancies and 3 alternate vacancies available.

John will send a letter to Bobby and Tony to ask them to resign from the Commission as they have not been active for a long time, or else ask the Mayor not to renew their time.

7. Meeting adjourned by John Gentile at 7:30 PM. Next meeting will be held on March 8, 2005.