



City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities
155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020 - 6:30pm
Meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Conference Call: (call-in number: 425-436-6260 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 attempted to setup a ZOOM meeting but the free ZOOM account only allows for 45 minute use time with 3 or more attendees.

Commissioners: John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouclier, Quentin Hughes (Alternate), Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller,

Excused: Frank Reed, Frances Ryan, Chad Sinanian

Guests: Wren Winters, Richard Luby – Independence Northwest

- John Gentile: Welcome & Introduction – **Commissioners and Guests**
- Phone Log: **No New Messages**
- Announcements and Updates:
 - 1) Chad – **Spoke with Chad last week he is doing well still loosing weight and working on going home soon with support services**
 - 2) Independence NW (Guest Speakers) – **Wren Winters, ConnectiCorps, an AmeriCorps Volunteerism Program – Looking for ways to incorporate Volunteerism and best practices. Rich Luby, Community Advocate Emergency Preparedness Program – “Cares Act” Goals**
 1. **Reach out to vulnerable populations in the Community**
 2. **Creating Curriculum to achieve the goals**
 3. **Community Engagement****Using a Regional Approach Danbury, Torrington, Waterbury**
- Seeking One Regular & Three alternates Members: **Still have open positions**
- Social media report: **No further updates at this time**
 - Facebook** Facebook.com/DanburyC4PWD Likes: 222 Follows: 229 (as of 6/9/2020) (please note: some who “follow” page may or may not also “like” the page)
 - o **Twitter** Twitter.com/DanburyC4PWD 353 followers (as of 6/9/2020)
 - o Please continue to help us increase our social media visibility
 - o If you are interested in more details and would like to review the Twitter Analytics and/or Facebook Insights report please email Annie, DanburyC4PWD@gmail.com (various reports are available on their platforms, for space constraints not posting here as the reports can be lengthy)

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- On Demand Transportation: Continue as Open Item
 - kept as an open item
- John/all: Open Discussion – John G. – Gave an overview of the Commission and what our requirement is under the City Ordernance
 - John N. – Raised a concern about people with disAbilities in the Community when we have Power Outages, loss of power for any extent of time can cause an issue especially to those who have battery powered assistive devices that require recharging.
 - Rich L. – Raised an issue about access to our Vote Drop Box at City Hall, needs to be made more accessible for people with disAbilities, because the voter needs to exit their vehicle to drop the ballot in the box. (John N. will pass the information to Registrar’s Office)
 - Rich L. – Will send out to the Commissioners their Emergency Preparedness Check List.
- Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2020, 6:30 PN

We work to put the "A" in ability - the Commission has many goals including focusing on the Abilities of those with disAbilities. 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.

John Gentile is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

*Topic: Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities
Time: Nov 10, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76900767631?pwd=dEJ5NThmaWl3QUF1Y0xFZ3Vld0Z6QT09>*

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