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

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 13 - 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 will 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, Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller, Frank Reed, Frances Ryan, Chad Sinanian

Attendance: John Gentile, Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller, Rose Marie Bouclier

Excused: Frank Reed, Chad Sinanian, Fran Ryan

Guest: Jeff Doyle, Isabel Domber

- John Gentile: Welcome & Introduction – 6:35 PM – ended 7:10 PM
- Review and Acceptance of Minutes: Joann Motion – Rose Marie 2nd – All Favor
- Phone Log: No New messages recorded
- New Business, Announcements, Updates:
 - 1) Chad – Still in the Nursing Home not sure when he will be home?
 - 2) Update on Vaccine - VAMS Enrollment – www.ct-institute.org
Cummunity Health Center, Inc. 877-918-2224
Hartford Health, www.hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/covid-vaccine
 - 3) Local Vaccination Locations – Lord & Taylor @ the Mall & Rogers Park School
 - 4) Govt Entities Review for our Commission Update - We have been renewed
 - 5) HART Advisory Meeting Update – Getting new Buses 1w/Lift, 1w/Varity of Seating, Ridership is @ 50%, Pulse Point temp. relocation to Crosby ST. due to Const, Shelter upgrades on Commuter Rt. And in Brookefield, Digital Signage to be added under Bus Stop sign, Accessible Taxi Project under the 52-10 program cancelled at this time,
- Seeking One Regular & Three alternates: Still seeking members to the Commission
- Social media report: **ON HOLD**
 - o **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)

- On Demand Transportation:
 - kept as an open item
- John/all: Open Discussion: City Hall still operating under COVID-19 Guidelines, not open to the Public only through appointment, Discussion on Emergency Preparedness John N will follow up when things get back to normal at City Hall.
- Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:30 PM

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.