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

Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2021 - 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.

Attendance: John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouclier, Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller, Frances Ryan, Iasbel Domber

  Motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2021, Joanne P., John N 2nd

- Phone Log: No new phone call in October

- New Business, Announcements, Updates:
  1) Chad – Update – Chad does have a computer and we will need to follow up if he is able
to access the internet with it, so he can attend the Commission meeting via Zoom.
  We will follow up with Chad to see if his computer has access to the WiFi John N.
  agreed to help Chad if necessary.
  2) Update on Vaccine – We will be holding Zoom meetings until further notice
  Boosters are being offered at the Health Clinic on Main St.no appointment needed

  3) Fran’s Patch to the City of Danbury Plan of Conservation and Development survey, link
  https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DanburyPOCD
  Discussion on the survey the City put out as being very long and looking for a great
detail of information not sure if the information will be useful.

  4) November Meeting date Conflict Discussion:
  We agreed to move the November meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of Nov. which is
  Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:30 PM. Due to the fact that the Chair will be out of
town and there is two holiday’s the first two weeks of November.

- Seeking One Regular & Three alternates:

- 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) Discussion on having
  Jeff take over the Social Media account. Need to Speak with Taylor and the IT manager.
• On Demand Transportation:
  o kept as an open item

• John/all: Open Discussion – Isabel D. - Brought up that the Danbury Senior Center is going digital for it communications, could cause a problem for people that have trouble or cannot accessing the internet. She will send me a copy of the letter she received from the Senior Center. John N. suggested Isabel contact the Senior Center about it. Isabel D. – Brought up the Power Outage Program by Eversource. When she reached out to them about how to maintain her prescription medication that requires refrigeration they said they couldn’t help her? They agreed they have a Power Outage program but couldn’t help her. John G. suggested she file a complaint with the (CHRO) CT Human Rights Organization.
John G. Reached out to the Kennedy Ctr. April Chaplin, she will not be back in her office until Oct. 18, 2021. So he will reach out to her to speak at our November meeting.

Motion to adjourn: John N. second Rose Marie B. 7:12 PM

• Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 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 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.