



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

Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023 - 6:30pm
Meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Attendance: John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouclier, John Neumuller, Fran Ryan, Quentin Huges, Jeff Ddoyle

Excused: Frank Reed,

Guests: Isabel Domber

- John Gentile: Welcome & Introduction: 6:39 PM, 10/10/23
- Review and Acceptance: Motion to Table to Minutes of 09/12/23 to 11/14/23 due to Edits and Additions made and new minutes generated. Motion made by John N, 2nd Fran R.
- Phone Log: No New Phone Messages. Rec, email from an individual who needs a job and asking if we could help as such. I replied that the Commission does not offer employment services but I did refer her to Zip Recruiter website which seemed to be the best website for a job search in the Danbury Area.
Received an email from someone from Glen Apartments in Rogers Park, complaining about the parking and congestion which is having an impact on people living in the area. They stated that the police don't seem to do anything about it and they call the Mayor's office and the Mayor's office stated to them that they could not do anything about it. I requested a conversation with them in-order t get a better handle on their complaint, but they never replied to my request.
- Old Business, Announcements, Updates:
 - 1) Commissioners Updates – Frank R. still having medical issues
 - 2) Update on COVID restrictions – Based on my conversation with the City's IT person F. Gentile, it becomes a complex process to conduct Hy--bred meetings. So, at this time we will continue to hold Zoom meetings.
- Seeking One Regular & Three alternates: No interest to date of meeting
- Social media report: Jeff Doyle to Report –Facebook Facebook.com/DanburyC4PWD Follows: 825 (as of 3/14/2023) Twitter Twitter.com/DanburyC4PWD 353 followers (as of 6/92020)
Doing pretty well have been posting the Governor's proclamation on disAbility Employment month No new update as Jeff D not in attendance. Also, The Danbury Community Survey was also posted
- Handicap Parking Update – Parking seems to be a problem all over the City and I along with John N. and Jeff D. will eventually get to bottom of the issue. Getting a ground swell on the issue having more and more City Officials involved and the need to maintain a Quality of Life.
- On Demand Transportation: Not discussed at this meeting
 - o Kept as an open item
- New Business: Discussion on Absentee Ballots which are not available currently because of pending litigation. Fran will contact Megan at City Hall and request the we be taken off of the new Twitter now called "X" because we are no longer using "X"
- Open Discussion: Quentin updated us on his People First Meeting, and there is a severe Staff shortage in the Dept. of Social Services and Dept of Development Services because of this People First will establish their own YouTube channel Services. The State Assembly is looking at the Impact the Increase is SSI and SSDI caused

individuals to fall off Medicaid (Husky) the State Assembly will address to put in a permanent fix on any increases in SSI or SSDI.

Isabel D. – Discussed the issue in Sweet Hart Fare change based on Will Call as opposed to Dial-A-Ride and charging extra charge. John – will contact Rick to inquire about it. Isabel – They will now offer an APP to read the results of the COVID test she will check into it and get back to us.

- **Next Meeting: Nov. 14, 2023 6:30 PM**
Entertain a motion to Adjourn, Quintin Motion, John N 2nd, All Yes. Adjourn 7:38 PM, October 10, 2023