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**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE, AD HOC COMMITTEE  
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**

The City Council Ad Hoc Committee met in the 3rd Floor Caucus Room of City Hall on Tuesday, 25-January-2011. Chair, Phil Curran called the meeting to order 6:25 pm.

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members:** Phil Curran Chair, Colleen Stanley, Paul Rotello, Alan Boyce and Mark Chory

**Ex Officio Council Member:** Robert Arconti also in attendance: John Ashkar, Chairman--Aviation Commission; Charles Williams, Chairman—Parks and Recreation Commission; Robert C. Melillo, former Chairman—Youth Commission and Gary Falkenthal, Parks and Recreation Commission member.

Chairman Curran began the meeting with introductions and stating the purpose of the meeting was to review certain Boards and Commission and recommend to the City Council whether they should be continued or disbanded. He stated that the Committee would be looking at the participation and function of each commission.

**Aviation Commission**

Chairman Curran asked Mr. Ashkar give the committee an overview of the Aviation Commission. Mr. Ashkar stated that the commission meets regularly and has no trouble meeting quorum requirements. Additionally, the commission usually has many interested members of the public and aviation operators at their meetings. The commission addresses issues between the public and aviators, reviews leases, and discusses FAA requirements. In addition, he believes that the Commission is a requirement of the FAA. **Mr. Rotello moved to recommend to the City Council that the Aviation Commission be continued for 5 years.** Ms. Stanley seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, *motion unanimously approved.*

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Chairman Curran asked Mr. Williams to give the committee an overview of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Williams stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is advisory only, meets on a quarterly basis, and there is good participation from the members. It serves as a way for Mr. Kaplanis, Director of Parks and Recreation, to report to the public on Parks and Recreation Activities. Finally Mr. Williams stated that many members of the commission are involved in the sports leagues in the City and the commission helps to facilitate those relationships with the Parks and Recreation Dept. A discussion took place regarding the meeting schedule. **Ms. Stanley moved to recommend to the City Council that the Parks and Recreation Commission to continued for 5 years.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Rotello. Vote, all in favor, *motion unanimously approved.*

**Youth Commission**

Chairman Curran review a questionnaire completed by Judy Coco, Chairman Youth Commission.

Robert C. Melillo, former Chairman—Youth Commission entered the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Mr. Melillo stated that he had been on the Youth Commission but resigned when he was elected to the Zoning Commission. He had been asked to come to the meeting as Ms. Coco was out of town, noting that this meeting was re-scheduled due to weather. Mr. Melillo stated that the Youth Commission has had trouble meeting quorum requirements and was uncertain of the mission. However, they have done good things for the youth of Danbury in the past. The commission serves as a bridge between Danbury Youth Services and the City. Finally it gives the youth of Danbury a voice. Mr. Melillo stated that there were 9 adult members and 9 youth members, with one youth member given the right to vote. This gives the Commission 10 voting members. Youth

representation comes from the Middle Schools and High Schools, including Immaculate High and ACE. Mr. Melillo stated that he would hope that the Committee would not sunset the Commission, but rather rejuvenated it. Further discussion occurred regarding make-up and purpose of the commission and the lack of a youth center.

**Ms. Stanley made a motion to recommend to the Council to continue the Youth Commission for two years with a suggestion that the Mayor make new appointments and review the charge of the Commission.** Paul Rotello seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, *the motion was unanimously approved.*

As there was no further business before the committee, Colleen **Stanley made a motion which was seconded by Paul Rotello to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.** Vote, all in favor, *motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Phil Curran, Chairman

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Colleen Stanley

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Paul Rotello