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**AD HOC REPORT  
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES  
Reference #3, December 2008**

Chairman Phil Curran called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 15, 2009. In attendance were members and Councilpersons Louise McMahon and Paul Rotello, members Alan Boyce and Mark Chory. Also in attendance were Helen Miller (Aging), Ben DaSilva (Cultural) and Mark Nolan (Housing).

Chairman Curran stated that according to the code of ordinances the committee must review the following government entities scheduled for termination on 6/30/09: Commission on Aging, Cultural Commission, Parking Authority, Danbury Housing Partnership, and the Lake Kenosia Commission.

Chairman Curran asked Mrs. Miller from the Commission on Aging to begin. She stated the commission usually has a quorum, but they need more members. Mr. Boyce asked how vacancies are filled. Mr. Rotello answered that it's through town committee, but suggested they make an appeal at the next Council meeting for members.

**Mrs. McMahon moved to renew the Commission on Aging for a period of 5 years. Seconded by Mr. Rotello. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Curran asked Mr. DaSilva to speak on behalf of the Cultural Commission. Mr. DaSilva stated the commission has 11 members with 1 vacancy and they are fortunate to have a quorum. They would like to get some younger people to become members. Mr. Rotello asked about their budget. Mr. DaSilva said the budget is \$103,000.00 and further stated the Mayor feels grant money should come from the commission and not from him. Mr. DaSilva stated the grants go to various organizations including; Danbury Music Symphony Orchestra, Danbury Concert Assoc., Concerts on the Green, Ives, Musicals at Richter, First Night and Taste of Danbury among others.

**Mr. Rotello moved to extend the Cultural Commission for 5 years. Seconded by Mr. Chory. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Curran asked Mr. Chory and Mrs. McMahon to recuse themselves from voting on the Parking Authority. Mr. Chory stated that the Authority has a 5 member board appointed by the mayor, and all members come to 90% of meetings. All parking lots and garages are under their control. Mrs. McMahon said that expired meter fines are collected by the Parking Authority. Mr. Chory said the revenue collected does not go to the City, it stays with the Authority and they also maintain the garages. There are 18 employees.

**Mr. Rotello moved to renew the Parking Authority for 5 years. Seconded by Mr. Boyce. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Curran asked Mr. Nolan to speak about the Danbury Housing Partnership. Mr. Nolan said the Partnership will now meet as a whole every 2 months, and the four standing committees will meet monthly. They make a quorum, but don't have enough members. They are working hard to end homelessness, and are way far ahead than most towns in Connecticut for 10-year planning

**Mrs. McMahon moved to renew the Danbury Housing Partnership for 5 years. Seconded by Mr. Rotello. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Curran said the Lake Kenosia Commission submitted a questionnaire to the committee for review, and further stated that it's a vital commission.

**Mr. Boyce moved to renew the Lake Kenosia Commission for another 5 years. Seconded by Mrs. McMahon. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Rotello moved to adjourn the committee. Seconded by Mrs. McMahon. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Curran, Chairman

Louise McMahon

Paul Rotello

Alan Boyce

Mark Chory