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Chairperson

Commission on Disabilities Minutes
September 12, 2011

Present: Cecile Brodsky, Dana Canevari, David Hicks, William Long, Jack Tsai
Jason Gomez, Elaine Quinn

Excused Absence: Matthew Ranelli, Paula Pernal

Staff: Michelle Duprey

Meeting was called to order at 5:25pm.

July Minutes

David suggests that members review July minutes.

David requested a modification to the July minutes. David suggests changing language in 2nd page, 5th paragraph to: "...to assist with creating a small film series...." The other change is a typographical error under the "Chairman's Report": change quite to quiet.

David made a motion to accept the July minutes as amended.
All seconded the motion.
July minutes approved as amended unanimously.
Elaine Quinn and Jason Gomez abstained from voting.

Chairman's Report

David has no report.

David & Michelle had previous conversations about ways that the Commission could do good work in such areas as: housing, transportation, accessibility, and employment. David discusses the accomplishments of the Commission in each of these areas and asks for suggestions for the future.

Department Report

Michelle reports that the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles has not asked for its expired placards back.

On September 26, 2011, Metro Tax will have the kick-off of the accessible taxi and fuel station.

Michelle states that the members must vote on the Schedule for 2012.

Michelle mentions that the elections take place in November and that the Commission is always looking for new commissioners.

David suggests that members review the Schedule for 2012.
David made a motion to accept the Schedule for 2012.
Dana seconded the motion.
The Schedule for 2012 was approved unanimously.

Michelle discusses the effects of Hurricane Irene on the disability community.

Old Business

Dana states that she might be added to Eileen Carpinella's contact list for a tentative meeting this month. Dana asks if she may invite Ms. Carpinella to a Commission meeting to discuss the Festival of Arts & Ideas. David suggests that Dana speak to someone directly from the Festival.

New Business

Michelle states that next month Amy Meeks from the Mayor's Office will attend to discuss the City's Prison Re-Entry Program.

Other Business

None

Public Comment

Jason was part of the ALS Walk Program for September 11, 2011 and that raised \$75,000.

David made motion to adjourn meeting.

Dana seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously at 7:00 p.m.