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 **Accessibility**
In New Haven

DAVID HICKS
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Approved

Commission on Disabilities Minutes
May 10, 2010

Present: Dana Canevari, Chris Getlein, David Hicks, Stan Kontogiannis, Elaine Quinn, Matthew Ranelli, Linda Reeder, Heiwa Salovitz, RobinTousey-Ayers

Staff: Michelle Duprey

Guest: Marc Anthony Gallucci

The meeting was brought to order. Minutes for the April '10 meeting were reviewed. Heiwa Salovitz moved to accept the minutes as written and Dana Canevari seconded. Stan Kontogiannis and Chris Getlein abstained from voting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman's Report

David Hicks reported he has been following Senate Bill 409 which would have created the ability for three municipalities to train volunteers to ticket designated parking violators. However, he noted that the Public Safety Committee removed the language which would have allowed the volunteers.

David Hicks said he spoke with a physician in Simsbury as a result of his contacts regarding the bill. The physician is in agreement there is too much indiscriminate authorizing of handicapped parking placards. David Hicks said this physician would be available to come to a Commission meeting in the future.

Department Report

Michelle Duprey reported she has gone through the discussions about a potential merger as part of the Innovative Based Budgeting process and for the time being there are no plans to merge.

There will be a statewide ADA celebration on July 26th at the Capitol. Lowell Weicker will be speaking. The former governor was an original sponsor of the ADA and at one time a disability advocate. The event will probably be held around 4 pm.

She also mentioned there is going to be an event in Boston, with entertainment and John Hockenberry as a speaker.

Michelle Duprey talked about her work with the Youth at Work program this summer. She will be doing training with the youth with disabilities so they understand their rights.

She reported she also spent time this last month on some legislative issues.

Old Business

Guest

Marc Anthony Gallucci, Executive Director of the Center for Disability (CDR), attended the meeting because of the proposal to partner with CDR to bring the dance production "Diagnosis of a Faun" to New Haven. David Hicks explained what the performance was about. Initially the hope was to get the production here for a July ADA Celebration but that is not going to be feasible with the amount of planning that will need to take place and the grant turn around time. A grant from the Greater New Haven Foundation will be applied for on behalf of the Commission on Disabilities and CDR.

Dana Canevari gave background information on her efforts thus far and her conversations with the head of the Production.

Marc Anthony Gallucci talked about his past experiences with the Commission and would like to partner on this event. He shared that CDR has put aside \$1,000 for the ADA Celebration and could put in up to a total of \$2,500. That offer would stand until the end of the federal fiscal year, or October.

After much discussion it was decided that Dana Canevari needed to find what the dance company's requirements for a venue were, and that the Co-op High School on College Street would be a good choice to approach if it met the production's requirements. Dana agreed to find out all of the specifications for accessibility and other requirements of the venue from the production company.

Marc Anthony Gallucci said that he has spoken with his Board and they are excited about this opportunity and it was agreed that it wouldn't take place until the fall. He also talked about the wheel-a-thon if the Commission wanted to participate and raise funds.

Film Series

Elaine Quinn said she had spoken to the wife of Walter Miller, who is head of the New Haven Museum. She will pursue this again over the next few weeks.

Web site update

Stan Kontogiannis said the website is still waiting for photos. He said that Matt Ranelli forwarded articles and pictures to Kristin Barber. David Hicks said he would check with Kristin Barber with the status of the articles and pictures.

(Michelle Duprey brought a camera to the meeting and took a group photo for the website.)

New Business

No new business

Other Business

No other business

Public Comment

Matthew Ranelli said there was a new Arts Magnet school and he was glad to find that it is being built to acoustic standards.

Michelle Duprey reported that Westrock Healthcare ICF is closing. She talked about some of the transition efforts.

She also talked about accessible housing units that are available at HANH and they have vacancies in some of the larger units.

Linda Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dana Canevari seconded. The meeting adjourned.