

SHERMAN COMMISSION ON AGING

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 16 Sept. 2019, 6:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman, J.Wey, S.J. McMahon, L. Arnold, J. Garcia,
J. McRoberts, E. Hayes, C. Sperling, A. Von Plachecki

Members Absent: R. Hudson

Also: L. Whitney, clerk, A. Ostergren, B.Trott

Call to Order: Chairman, J.Wey called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of 15 July 2019 was made by:J.McRoberts.

Seconded by:E. Hayes.

Vote for: unanimous.

J. Wey welcomed Carol Sperling and Art Von Plachecki to the COA as sworn- in members.

Old Business:

Senior Art Show reception went well. The library counter tallied up 104 people in attendance. S.J.McMahon requested hard copies of any photos members had from the reception. J.Wey showed a picture from the Spectrum featuring the Art Show. B. Trott mentioned that there are 3 color printers at the Senior Center and that she will print pictures emailed to her for S.J.McMahon.

E. Hayes gave reported that the Feasibility Committee He commented that contrary to rumors circulating, the JCC is not a fore gone conclusion. There was discussion on the problem with the handicap parking at the JCC. The committee will continue to look for viable locations but the Senior Center feels it may be able to work with the existing space for about another two years.

B. Trott has begun to look for available grants with the possibility of building a new Senior Center in mind.

A. Von Plachecki mentioned that on the school's website they have posted a proposal that calls for an evaluation of their building and the proposal mentions expanding to accommodate seniors and Park and Rec. He recommended J. Wey reach out to the school principal and discuss this proposal with him.

B. Trott reported that the school has been involved with the Senior Center in the past with programs and has proposed a new program that involves home-schooled students and seniors in the school building.

A. Ostergren submitted pictures of property in town behind The Painted Lemon restaurant that he feels is perfect for a new Senior Center site. He spoke of how New Fairfield used modulars to build their new Senior Center and the process went very quickly.

New Business:

The Flu Clinic will be held on 8 Oct. 2019 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Charter Hall. If anyone is available to help, please contact S. Berger. J. Wey will have stickers available identifying the volunteers as COA members.

Discussion was held on arrangements to provide transportation to seniors on Election Day. The DTC and the RTC both provide assistance with transportation . Absentee ballots are also available. Election Day turnout is expected to be light as there is only one contested position, Board of Assessment Appeals.

There was discussion about the newly passed Grocery Tax Bill. S.J.McMahon emailed a copy of the bill to the COA members. She is very concerned about the impact on seniors this new tax will have.

E. Hayes made a motion to vote on submitting a letter opposing this legislation and recommending it be repealed in January.

Seconded by: J. McRoberts.

Vote For: All.

S.J.McMahon and J.Wey will draft the letter. L. Arnold will review the letter prior to submission.

There was discussion on the new law effective 10/20 that requires the STAR on your driver's license or a passport to fly domestically as well as internationally. J. Wey is concerned at the cost and documentation required to get the STAR license. B. Trott said that she and S. Berger will both be available to help with this new requirement.

There was a quick discussion on the recent data hack at the Sherman School. The data was ransomed this past August.

Comments by Commissioners:

Adjournment:

E. Hayes moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM

S.J.McMahon seconded the motion

Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next meeting will be 21 Oct. 2019 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney

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