

Commission on Aging

November 7, 2022

Minutes

Present: Gayle Kataja, Denise Weeks, Susan Pearlman, Jennifer DiSette, Beth Hillson, Phil Markuszka

Liaisons: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation

Guests: - Jean Wrenn, Larry Fleming, Chris Haaf

Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commission members, staff and guests introduced themselves

Review Minutes of October 3rd, 2022 meeting- Motion to accept the minutes by Denise, seconded by Susan, motion passed unanimously.

Communications & Announcements- None

Accreditation Orientation/Review Community Survey- Lisa passed out a summary of the Re-Accreditation process and timeline. Members of the Commission and members present of the Re-Accreditation Committee reviewed the draft survey and gave input of suggested changes. Lisa and Patti will work on the revisions and send out to all. Goal is to have the survey live by end of November.

Suggestion of reaching out to potential Re-Accreditation Committee (RAC) members by polling as to meeting times/dates that would be most conducive. Suggestion to have the next meeting during the day during the Senior Lunch program on 12/2/22 to possibly spark more interest.

Denise suggested having an article done in the Glastonbury Citizen.

Phil suggested adding a Mentorship Program as possible offerings in the future

Jennifer suggested that we center some questions on the 3 domains, and Gayle added possibly questions on all the domains. Lisa will send the questions from Age Friendly Survey for reference.

Departmental Reports- Lisa passed out the Departmental Report for Senior and Social Services

Old Business:

- **Age-Friendly Community Initiative**
 - **October 20th Community Conversation Summary**

A copy of the draft notes from the 10/20/22 Community Conversation was passed out. Gayle reminded Commission that the next steps are for the three groups to meet on their own and then regroup as a whole in January to check on goals.

- **Citizen Newspaper Request for Support-** Lisa stated the Citizen has been looking into eventually offering online to subscribers. The Citizen offered to give the Senior Center a PDF file for viewing at the Center for those interested. Lisa also advised the Commission that the Citizen reached out to ask if the Department would be interested in doing a monthly article. Patti is working with the editor on specifics.
- **Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance-** Denise recapped the proposed ordinance and suggested that a letter from the Commission be sent before TPZ meets to discuss and take action.
- **Oak Tree on Tryon Street-** The signage near the tree has been effective and getting feedback that it is working. Staff will work with engineering on the placement of boulders, and an Age Friendly bench will be placed in the Spring.

New Business: None

Adjourn: Motion by Phil, seconded by Denise to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.