

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2018, 10:30 am
Woodlawn Commons, Saratoga Springs, NY

Attending:

Barbara Thomas, Janet Howells, Jay Portnoy, Lois Celeste (Senior Center), Lorrie Shilling (Woodlawn Commons), Ann Sheppard, Dee Sarno, Clifford Ammon, Virginia Muller, Judy Dahoda-Taylor(Office of the Aging), Phil Diamond, Meg Kelly (Mayor), Lisa Shields (Deputy Mayor), Brianna Hassell (Intern Senior Center)

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Minutes from the last meeting on November 13, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
Everyone introduced themselves.

1. Our new Mayor, Meg Kelly, then discussed her vision and the direction she would like going forward. She would like to have representatives in several areas of the city that could reach out to their senior neighbors to inform them about our Senior Advisory Committee, invite them to express their needs and concerns. A possible way to start would be to obtain the voter's registration list for the city as a way to identify our 7,000 residents that are (age 55+)
2. Ideas include making up a flyer to distribute, having our members go door to door and meet with our neighbors, perhaps we could have local neighborhood events or home parties as a way to bring our Seniors together.
3. Our first goal would be to add new members from all areas to build our committee. Each member is asked to reach out and bring one new person to our next meeting, Keep in mind that we will need coverage from many areas, including all senior housing complexes, West Avenue, Geyser Crest, near the lake and more.
4. By growing our committee, we will need to have our meetings in a larger facility. Lois Celeste graciously offered us space at the Senior Center where we could coordinate our meeting with their OFA lunch program. She will get back to us as to the days and times that will be a good fit.
5. Meg suggested that our committee be made up of individuals and not include Agencies. All Agencies will always be welcome to attend and are certainly welcome to keep us abreast of any new or changes to their programs.
6. We should have another Forum this year with the panel made up by the Mayor and the City Council.
7. As a committee we should be able to direct any issues involving the city to the appropriate Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectively Submitted,
Janet A Howells

Next Meeting: To be Announced.