

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
Minutes
Monday, March 25, 2019 – 1:30pm
Saratoga Springs Recreation Center

Attended by: Nancy Cameron, Celeste Caruso, Tammy D'Ercole, Jay Portnoy, Ann Sheppard, Nedra Stimpfle, Barb Thomas, Chuck Meagher, Susan Brennan, Phil Diamond, Mayor Meg Kelly.

Also present: Denise Yannaci, (OFA)

Excused: Cliff Ammon, Jared Littleboy, Mary Ellen Ryall, Anne Trainor, Dee Sarno

Meeting called to order by Barb at 1:35.

Motion to approve the minutes (Phil, Celeste). Passed unanimously.

Mary Ellen Ryall has submitted her resignation, effective June 1, 2019.

Mayor Kelly clarified that she would like the committee to move to creating sub-committees on topics seniors are concerned about, rather than continue to hold neighborhood meetings. She explained the grant (\$1.9 million) the city has received through Missing Links. It will cover construction of sidewalks that serve as connectors. Some areas to be covered: East Ave, Caroline Street near the school.

Formation of sub-committees to observe meetings and work on issues:

- Complete Streets – meets on the 2nd Thursday, at 5pm at the Rec Center. Their next meeting is April 11. Open Space Advisory Board (- Greenbelt trail (Tina Carton x2534), Sustainability: **Jared, Celeste**
- Community Development Advisory Board (income qualified housing and grants) Lindsay Connors, Director (replaced Cindy Phillips), Homelessness, Senior Housing, Co-Housing: **Tammy D'Ercole, Celeste Caruso**. There is a meeting on Co-Housing on Friday at 5pm at PNECC that Celeste and Barb will attend. Celeste discussed zoning implications. Co-Housing would only be permitted in T-5.
- Clergy Advisory (2nd Tuesday, 12:30pm. Rev Joe Cleveland, chair): **Barb Thomas, Nancy Cameron**
- Public Safety Advisory Board & sidewalk hazard inspections, Emergency Services, Safety: **Nedra Stimpfle, Ann Sheppard, Tammy D'Ercole (alternate)**.
- Transportation : **Phil Diamond** suggested a study of the efficacy of a city- wide shuttle being set –up. Meg said she would look into possible grants.

- Medical Transportation: **Susan Brennan , Chuck Meagher, Ann Sheppard**, (Volunteer Guild at Hospital has a van for medical transportation, says Chuck).
- Recreation & Sport & Arts: **Dee Sarno, Cliff Ammon, Jay Portnoy**

Meg listed affordable housing projects coming or in development: South Broadway (Spa Diner property); West Avenue near the Post Office and train station; Stonequist, Jefferson Terrace.

Everything is set for the last “neighborhood meeting” Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) on Friday, April 12, from 10-noon, at Empire State College, 113 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs

Announcements:

- Sock Hop, presented by OFA on Friday, May 17 at the City Center. \$4 tickets required in advance. Annual Senior Luncheon: Cheeseburgers, French fries, cole slaw, apple pie, music, door prizes.
- 2019 has been named the *Year of the Senior* by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. There will be a big, free, celebration for all Seniors in Congress Park on June 26, 2019.

Next meeting: Monday, April 29 at 1:30 pm

Multi-purpose Room, at the Recreation Center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave,