

Minutes: Mayor's Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, April 23, 2018, 1:30 pm

Senior Center, 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs, NY

Attending:

Dee Sarno, Janet Howells, Jay Portnoy, Ann Sheppard, Denise Yanacci (Office of the Aging), Meg Kelly (Mayor), Nancy Cameron, Phil Diamond, Mary Ellen Ryall, Nedra Stimpfle. Cliff Ammon, Peter Martin (Commissioner of Public Safety), and Jane Kurr Sussman (Senior Center).

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Dee Sarno.

1. Minutes from the last meeting on March 26, 2018 were reviewed and approved by Dee Sarno and Meg Kelly.
2. New attendee's introduced themselves.
3. Dee Sarno welcomed Peter Martin, our Commissioner of Public Safety. Peter will be attending our "Senior Citizens Neighborhood Meeting on May 23rd and will discuss Public Safety Issues for seniors with a focus on Awareness of Scams and Fraud. Many scams are targeted at seniors, among them are scams by telephone and emails covering many topics. He will also discuss public access and code enforcement problems, some of which are not always the responsibility of the City but that of the property owner. Other issues currently being addressed is the lack of accessible parking and the need for a firehouse on the east side of the city.
4. Proposed changes to the Website. It was decided that not only does the website need to be updated, but it will also need ongoing updates. A committee was appointed to handle the current changes and take care of follow ups as needed. The committee consists of: Dee Sarno, Barbara Thomas, Meg Kelly and Lisa Shields.
5. The flyer for the neighborhood meeting has been completed. Meg Kelly will run off 200 flyers, Dee Sarno 200 and Barb Thomas 200. Nedra will take flyers to Wesley. Thank you for your contribution.
6. A committee was set up to handle the details for the day of the neighborhood meeting. They are Dee Sarno, Barbara Thomas, Jan Howells and Ann Sheppard. We need to decide on the set up of the café, tables, chairs, refreshments and a table for flyers from other organizations, etc. Dee will set a date for the committee to meet. The Committee will finalize the agenda for the meeting and discuss at the May 14 meeting.
7. Jay Portnoy and Jan Howells are almost finished changing the voter registration list from alphabetical by name to alphabetical by street for the districts included in the first neighborhood meeting. The lists will be used to hand out the flyers for the May 23rd event.
8. Door to door distribution will be done by teams of two people, one to drive and one to deliver. So far the teams are Dee, Jan & Ann; Meg & Nedra; and Jay & Cliff, Barb Thomas will also be available if needed... The delivery of the flyers should take place on or about May 11 and May 12.
9. Mary Ryall gave us a detailed report about the issue with transportation and CDTA. The report is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Janet A Howells

Next Meeting: May 14, 1:30 PM at the Senior Center - 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs