

Minutes: Mayor's Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, June 25, 2018, 1:30 pm

Senior Center, 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs, NY

Attending:

Dee Sarno, Janet Howells, Barb Thomas, Jay Portnoy, Ann Sheppard, Billie Jo McConkey (Office of the Aging), Lisa Shields (Deputy Mayor), Phil Diamond, Cliff Ammon, Grady Aronstamm, Jared Littleboy and Lois Celeste (Senior Center), Tammy D'Ercole, Chuck Meagher, and Anne Trainor.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Barb Thomas.

1. Minutes from the meeting on May 14, 2018 were reviewed and approved by all.
2. Everyone introduced themselves and the neighborhood they lived in.
3. There was a brief discussion of the report evaluating the May 23, Northside Neighborhood Meeting. Dee reported on the topics that were a concern such as: taxi's; parking, etc. Dee said she will send out a report.
4. Evaluation of the Neighborhood Meeting held on June 12, in the Southeast Neighborhood. Meeting was attended by 11 members of the Neighborhood, the Speakers, and members of the Mayor's Committee. Despite the small turnout, all in attendance felt that the meeting was very successful. There is a lot of concern about the lack of parking near the Rec Center especially when there are Tournaments, which seems to be every weekend. Some residents will not leave their home because there will be no place to park when they return. There is concern about partial sidewalks that have lengthy gaps in them. There is no sidewalk on Crescent Street, which is very busy with fast moving traffic. Peter Martin gave out the City phone numbers so that issues can be reported directly to the correct department.
5. All agreed that the Neighborhood Meetings should continue throughout the City. Some suggestions for future meetings included: ways to get the information out to the public in addition to delivering the flyers, perhaps more newspaper coverage and having announcements on local radio stations.(Note that 10 of the 11 attendees came because they received the flyer). Barbara Thomas suggested that the Speakers talk for a shorter time and possibly adding a speaker from The Office of the Aging. Lois Celeste suggested that we invite Skip Sirocco to be on the panel to address the many issues that involve Public Works. Barbara also would like to have more time for questions.
6. It was decided our next Neighborhood Meeting will be held in late September, early

October in the Geyser Crest area. Dee and Grady and Jared will investigate possible locations.

7. In late October, early November we will hold a meeting on the West Side. A possible location could be The West View Apartments. Phil Diamond and Anne Trainor will check out possible locations.
8. We will try to hold an East side neighborhood meeting in March. The Grove was suggested as a possible site.
9. A very brief discussion was held on the idea for a City wide forum in the Spring, probably in May. This discussion was deferred to September.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Janet A Howells

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