

Minutes: Mayor's Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, September 24, 2018, 1:30 pm

Senior Center, 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs, NY

Attending:

Dee Sarno, Barb Thomas, Jay Portnoy, Ann Sheppard, Denise Yannaci (Office of the Aging), Lisa Shields (Deputy Mayor), Phil Diamond, Cliff Ammon, Lois Celeste (Senior Center), Tammy D'Ercole, Chuck Meagher, Anne Trainor, and Rima Shamieh (CDTC).

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

Everyone introduced themselves and the neighborhood they lived in.

Minutes from the meeting on June 26, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to accept (Phil, Dee) and approved by all.

Barbara announced that the drive up mail box has been installed at the Post Office on Broadway, and is now fully functional. This was the culmination of years of advocacy by the MSAC. Lois will promote among her members. Barb will seek additional publicity. .

Discussion about the need for benches near certain CDTA bus stops. Mary Ryall brought the topic to Barb and Peter Martin regarding the bus stop near the City Center.. We will need to determine who is in charge of placement and maintenance. Another location where a bench might be needed is on Union near Watkins apartments.

Geyser Crest Neighborhood meeting: Dee reported that she has secured the Saratoga Eagle meeting room, located at 45 Duplainville Road, on Wednesday, October 10, from 10 to 11:30 am. Dee will print the flyers for the event as soon as the final speaker confirms. Speakers will be Mayor Meg Kelly, Commissioner of Public Safety Peter Martin, Commissioner of Public Works Anthony Scirocco, Lois Celeste of the Saratoga Senior Center and Barbara Thomas. We will have a door prize – Dee has a filled basket she'll donate. Chuck also volunteered to get baskets for the future.

Jay is preparing the lists for flyer distribution. Of those present Chuck, Dee, Barb, Anne and Anne will distribute flyers starting September 29. We will also ask absent members to help in this effort.

We reviewed a draft press release and made suggestions. It is important to let all seniors know they are welcome at any neighborhood's meeting.

Westside Neighborhood Meeting: Phil and Anne reported that they had just met and had a number of sites to consider for a Westside meeting. Lois offered her site for the Westside meeting. The meeting will be set for Tuesday, November 13, at 1pm. Lois may be able to arrange some transportation to the site.

We discussed a possible **city-wide forum** in the Spring, but the consensus was that we should continue the neighborhood meetings in the Spring (April for the Eastside west of the Northway and May or June for the area east of the Northway) and then have a city-wide forum in the fall of 2019.

Rima Shamich, Transportation Planner for the Capital District Transportation Committee, explained that their mission is to do research about transportation needs and to funnel grants to agencies providing public transportation- especially to special populations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Tammy D'Ercole, acting secretary

**Next Meeting: October 22, 2018 1:30 PM
At the Senior Center, 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs**