CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

Monday, August 11, 2014

Present: Suzanne Bruner, David Owens, Steve Broyles, Alderman Bill Discroll, Beth Smyth, Sally Schirk-Ehrlich, Edie Webb and Catherine Kiener, Director.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

- 1. Approval of June minutes. Question arose on why do we use the Red Cross for blood drives instead of going with Blood Center of WI and keep it in this state? Reason being is St. Matthews/Senior Center partnered with Red Cross. Motion to approve by Mrs. Schirk-Ehrlich and seconded by Mr. Broyles. Motion carried.
- 2. 2nd Quarter Bills reviewed, Heat was used throughout the summer to control dampness after getting cold from air conditioning. Had one elevator maintenance call due to local power outage. Elevator needed to be reset, covered under warranty.
- 2. The Financial summary for May, June & July were reviewed. The motion to approve all summaries was made by Mrs. Webb seconded by Mrs. Bruner. Motion Carried.
- 3. Unfinished business:
- A. Ad-Hoc Update from Mrs. Webb & Director Kiener: In addition to continuing topics discussed-wondering how neighbors feel about all of the changes being spoken about. New light bulbs being tried in Center, hoping to reduce cost & brighten lower level. Front curb is being fixed. Vent & duct work is operating smoothly. Looking into locking the heating/cooling thermostats to avoid being tampered with. Mr. Sigwart will be having a meeting about Shared Service discussion with Saukville that will include discussion on Senior Services. Long term goals- additional bathroom & lift for back stairway. Committee continuing to evaluate current property. Committee discussed whether other property options exist with a question raised about St. Matthews building committee progress. They may possibly be years away from that.
- B. Walkable Community Update: Continuing to review safe routes to school, mountain bike trail currently underway, Pedestrian flags for crosswalks downtown, promotions spoke about, creating "Passports of Port" small book to be purchased at a local business to guide tourists around as they gain a stamp for the passport showing them the wonders of our city; possibly age specific; still in the works. Next meeting for Walkable Community to be held September 15.
- 4. New Business:
- A. Alderman Driscoll: Budget time approaching. Should Saukville decide to share, October would be the month to meet since hearing is in November. Port received another ½ million dollar grant for breakwater. Going well so far and have found more stone for us to use! Trees behind Schooners have become a concern for local business'. Meeting soon to be arranged to discuss trees possibly to be moved.
- B. Director shared budget highlights for the 2015 preparation to be increasing the assistant hours offset with revenue from the Friends; possible shared services; budget directions from City Administrator on utilities, benefits, and wages. Probably 2 budgets will be presented in September.
- 5. Director's Report
 - A. No Update
 - B. Upcoming Events:
- 1. Red Cross Blood Drive August 26, Ice Cream Social Aug 28, Senior Center Month theme "Let the adventure Begin. . .", Possibly have another Culvers Day looking at Sept. 24.
- 2. Friends update: Friends board is meeting to update about ice cream social. Bonnie Knaub is looking into pricing for a building flagpole.
- C. Directors Comments: City phone work has started. Senior Center now has higher speed internet.
- 6. Adjournment at 6:55 PM