

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES**

Monday, October 13, 2014

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Approval of August minutes. Motion to approve by Mrs. Bruner and seconded by Mrs. Webb. Motion carried.

2. The Financial summary for September was reviewed. The motion to approve summary made by Alderman Driscoll seconded by Mrs. Webb. Motion Carried.

3. Unfinished business:

A. Ad-Hoc Update: Mrs. Webb reported that the short and medium length goals were reviewed. Mrs. Kiener noted that the meeting regarding parking with the neighbors is on hold pending lease renewal. Mrs. Webb will report at the next strategic plan meeting on a long term goal related to locations, her contact with the Harbor Club owners. At present they are not interested in selling the vacant land. There was brief discussion on the present buildings favorable and unfavorable features as a Senior Center. Alderman Driscoll expressed concern over tolerating inadequacies of the building versus evaluating needs of the center moving forward.

B. 2015 Budget Update

The City Administrator met with Departments Heads after a 1% reduction in budgets was asked to be made. The 1% from the Senior Center budget came from the assistant hours; building maintenance; and recalculation of utilities. The City operates with in the state restraint reduction program. The individual department review with finance is Wed. Oct. 22.

4. New Business:

A. Elected Officials Report

Alderman Driscoll reported the Ad-Hoc Committee needs to be ready to move forward with a plan in under 2 years. The group will need to address what is most important, keeping city council informed, and determine from community what the needs are for a senior center.

5. Director's Report

A. Senior Board Items: The Board is working on an advocacy plan which will involve Council meetings starting in October. 25% of the eligible population are members of the Senior Center with up to half of the membership active monthly due in large part to having a Multi-purpose Senior Center offering education, wellness, enrichment, recreation and social activities along with hosting the Port Washington Dining site. This follows the National Council on Aging Definition for a Senior Center. Studies of healthy aging continue to demonstrate the validity of senior centers as the focal point for healthy seniors.

B. Upcoming Events:

1. Special Events

a. Casino night has about 30 registered for Oct 27

b. Oct 22 Medicare update meeting will be held at 2:00PM

c. Red Cross Blood drive with St. Matthews is Thurs. Oct. 30

2. Wellness Classes: Enrollments remain steady

3. Craft and Bake Sale with Silent Auction will have a match up to \$500 from Thrivent Financial and it opens on Monday, Nov. 10.

C. Directors Comments: The Senior Center has 2 freshman volunteers from Port High as part of Port Pride. They are working on technology training and miscellaneous projects to put in 10 hours this semester.

6. Adjournment at 6:45 PM

Next meeting November 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Smyth, Secretary