



Town of Windsor
Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2018

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Amy Silliman-Avedisian, Marsha Brown, Veronica DeBetham-Taylor, Donna Grossman and Estelle LaBarre

Commissioners Excused: Linda Rickard

Commissioners Unexcused: None

Liaison Present: Rebecca Joyce

Also Present: Sue Raggio - Social Services Coordinator, Cheryl Rosenbaum – Director of Caring Connection, Marcia Peck – Tender Kare of Bloomfield

Called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Amy Silliman-Avedisian

Communication from Commissioners:

Chairman Amy Silliman-Avedisian noted that the Caring Connection is an enterprise fund and that she will provide more information on that during the January meeting.

Chairman Amy Silliman-Avedisian also began introductions for the group and welcomed the member of the public, Ms. Marcia Peck.

Communication from Liaison: Liaison Joyce provided an update on Senior Services as well as distributed the newsletter for Senior Services and Social Services. She mentioned the upcoming Free Flu Shots being offered by the Windsor Health Department at Town Hall on Saturday, December 8, 2018 for ages 5 and up as well as some of the special events happening at the Senior Center for the holidays.

Communication from the Public: Ms. Marcia Peck introduced herself and her company, Tender Kare of Bloomfield, which is a non-medical senior care company that provides in-home services. She mentioned that she would like to continue attending the meetings as she learned a lot when she attended the last time. She also mentioned that she will try to bring more people along with her.

Approval of the Minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, from the November 7, 2018 meeting, was made by Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed 4/0/1.

Old Business:

Update on Windsor Housing Authority facility computer

This topic has been tabled until the January meeting. Chairman Amy Silliman-Avedisian and/or Commissioner LaBarre will invite Betsy Kenneson to this meeting to speak on this topic and to provide more information on the Housing Authority.

Update on Reappointments

Commissioner Brown was sworn in the day of the meeting, December 4, 2018. Chairman Rickard completed an application and is waiting to hear back and Chairman DeBetham-Taylor will begin the process as she is due for reappointment in January.

Focus: Fall Prevention/ Hazards: Slips, Trips, and Falls

Chairman Silliman-Avedisian reported that she reached out to and spoke with members of National Healthcare who are interested in helping with the spring program focusing on Fall Prevention/ Hazards. A discussion ensued and many ideas were generated such as having representatives from National Healthcare focus on "indoor" slip/trip/fall hazards and Lauri Volkert to possibly focus on the "outdoor" hazards. Other ideas generated were the possibility of offering a 2 or 3 part series in order to cover all the topics, the venue and possible dates to hold the program. The commission is hoping to work on the flyer for this program at the January meeting. This topic will be added to the January meeting agenda.

Letter to Robert Jarvis/Department of Engineering regarding pedestrian safety in the center of town

Chairman Silliman-Avedisian began the discussion noting that there are a variety of things in place in the center of town to assist pedestrians. A discussion ensued. Chairman Silliman-Avedisian also mentioned that she and Commissioner Rickard will work on drafting the letter for Mr. Jarvis for review by the Commission at the January meeting.

Completion of Capital Improvement Project Detail Form regarding installation of pedestrian safety devices

Chairman Silliman-Avedisian stated that she and Commissioner Rickard will work on drafting the Capital Improvement Project Detail Form for review by the Commission at the January meeting.

New Business:

Nomination/election of Vice Chairperson

Chairman Silliman-Avedisian asked for nominations or commissioners who would be willing to be Vice-Chair of the commission. Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor mentioned that she would be willing but would not be able to for the first six months of 2019. This topic will be added to the January agenda for further discussion.

Discussion of subcommittee/workgroup

A discussion ensued and it was determined that, in between meetings, letters can be drafted to be reviewed by the commission at an upcoming meeting but all voting, discussions and decisions must be made during a scheduled meeting due to FOI.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm was made by Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian and seconded by Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2018 at LP Wilson Senior Center

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Joyce