



Town of Windsor
Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2019

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Amy Silliman-Avedisian, Marsha Brown, Donna Grossman, and Linda Rickard

Commissioners Excused: Veronica DeBetham-Taylor and Estelle LaBarre

Commissioners Unexcused: None

Liaison Present: Rebecca Joyce

Also Present: None

Called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson Amy Silliman-Avedisian

Communication from Commissioners:

Commissioner Brown raised the topic of nursing homes being acquired by outside corporations. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Brown noted that she will bring more information on this topic to the next meeting.

Commissioner Rickard spoke about Grace Episcopal Church's new Red Door Pantry; a food bank to assist those in need. She mentioned that the food pantry operates every Wednesday from 4-7pm and that it is run strictly by volunteers.

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 programs and activities at the Senior Center including the annual Valentine's Party, a special program on Civil Rights, an educational program "Dizziness and the Aging Population", and that the AARP Tax program is in full swing.

Communication from the Public: None

Approval of the Minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting, was made by Commissioner Rickard and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed 4/0/0.

Old Business:**Update on Windsor Housing Authority facility internet access**

This topic is tabled until the next meeting.

Update on Reappointments

Commissioner Rickard has been re-appointed and Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor is in the process. All other Commissioners are up-to-date.

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

The Commissioners reviewed the flyer again and decided who would distribute them. Liaison Joyce will talk to Jenny Hawran and request that the program be recorded and aired on WIN TV and she will also request that Social Services distribute the flyer, as well, specifically to Groceries to Go. The program will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

Liaison Joyce confirmed that the letter was sent to Mr. Jarvis on January 16, 2019. Commissioner Rickard will connect with Mr. Jarvis to see if he has any questions or concerns regarding the letter.

Nomination/election of Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian asked for nominations or commissioners who would be willing to be Vice-Chair of the commission. The Commission discussed this and it was decided that, if Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian is absent for any reason, other Commissioners will conduct the meeting in her absence. This topic will be added to the March agenda when Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor is present.

Discussion of Public and Guest Participation

Liaison Joyce mentioned that she spoke with Jim Burke, Town of Windsor Economic Development, regarding public and guest participation during meetings. He explained that these type of rules are made by each Commission or Board and that it is up to the group to decide who participates and when. The public speaks at least once during a meeting however, town staff is somewhat different. If invited to speak on a particular topic, they would join in on that discussion. If town staff is attending as a member of the public and the Commission wants further input, the group can ask that they take part in the discussion. The Commission discussed how to proceed and decided that all members of the public would be asked to comment at the beginning of the meeting and again at the end of the meeting. It was also decided that the agenda would only be emailed to the Commission. If others are interested in attending the meeting, they should access the posted agenda online.

New Business:**Review and Sign Ethics Policy**

This is continued to the March meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm was made by Commissioner Rickard and seconded by Commissioner Grossman. The motion passed 4/0/0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Town Hall, Dr. Primus Room

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Joyce