

Senior Services Commission

May 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Luella Landis at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Judy Benvenuto Anne Kaiser Luella Landis
 Pat Snow Bonnie Sprague

Absent: Deirdre Daly Steven Falco Ann Jordan
 Mertie Terry

Others: Nick Talbot – Senior Center Outreach Coordinator

 Paula Luna – Town Council
 Kathleen Cartwright – Cromwell Resident

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Judy Benvenuto; seconded by Patricia Snow. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting made by Bonnie Sprague; seconded by Anne Kaiser. All in favor. Motion carried.

Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Nick Talbot

Amy is in Nashville and will return tomorrow.

A DOT grant was previously awarded for a new bus, which was supposed to be delivered at the end of this summer. Due to the national chip shortage, the bus delivery will be delayed until at least the summer of 2023.

The Post Office is conducting a "Stamp out hunger food drive" on May 14th. Donors should leave non-perishable items by their mailbox.

The art show reception will be on May 11th at 1:00. The art work is currently on display in Town Hall.

The drama club production will be on May 12th in the Belden Room of the library. There are currently 55 people signed up to attend. Space is limited.

The outdoor concert with dinner is scheduled for May 25th. There are 4 meal options and Italian ice will also be served.

June events include a "Lunch and Learn" on June 8th to celebrate Pride Month, a Henna Class on June 14th and a Hartford skyline river boat ride on June 15th. There is limited capacity for the boat ride. Participants will meet at the Cromwell town hall and be transported to the Wethersfield Cove. After the boat ride, lunch will be at The Charles.

The Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help with the Farmers Market.

Luella Landis said the volunteer luncheon was great. She thanked Nick Talbot, Amy Saada and everyone who worked on this event.

Director of Public Health Update – N/A

Council Liaison Update – N/A

Paula Luna advised the Commission that there is nothing to report until after Wednesday's Town Council meeting.

Old Business – Nick Talbot

a. Community Center Discussion/Updates

Nick advised the Commission that Amy met with the Town Manager, Staff and Silver Petrucelli. Silver Petrucelli will do a site evaluation of Watrous Park and provide 3 conceptual designs with estimated costs. This will be a 6 - 8 week process. There was discussion amongst the Commission that the mill rate has not increased in many years.

b. Older American's Month Celebration– previously discussed under Human Services Director's Report

New Business

a. Volunteers needed for Farmers Markets – previously discussed under Human Services Director's Report

b. June - Pride Month Activities - previously discussed under Human Services Director's Report

c. June- Annual Election of Officers – Luella Landis

Luella advised the Commission that next month is when officers are elected. She will be resigning from the commission as a member and as Chairperson next month. The commission members expressed their gratitude to Luella for her service.

Citizen's Comments

Judy Benvenuto inquired if a large screen could be use in the gym for the attendees when yoga class is on zoom (when the instructor is on vacation). Nick Talbot will discuss with Amy Saada.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat Snow; seconded by Judy Benvenuto. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman
Recording Clerk