

Senior Services Commission

March 8, 2021

Prior to the start of the meeting, Luella Landis introduced Bonnie Sprague, a new member of the Senior Commission.

The meeting was called to order by Luella Landis at 10:32 a.m.

Roll Call:	Deirdre Daly	Ann Jordan	Luella Landis
	Paula Luna	Linda Polke	Bonnie Sprague

Absent:	Shirley Banic	Madeline Lowry	Mertie Terry
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Others: Amy Saada, Senior/Human Services Director
Pat Ahlquist, Town Council Liaison

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Paula Luna; seconded by Deirdre Daly. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021, Regular Meeting made by Ann Jordan; seconded by Deirdre Daly. All in favor. Motion carried.

Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Amy Saada

Amy and her staff have been very busy with COVID appointments.

There will be St. Patrick's Day bingo on March 9, 2021.

On March 16, 2021, Barbara Grotheer's current events program will be on legislation in the state.

Virtual meditation will be held on Fridays.

During the month of April, Amy and her staff will try to have outdoor programs, including cleaning parks in conjunction with Earth Day, walking groups and kindness rocks.

May is Older Americans Month and there is an outdoor concert performance by Riverboat Ramblers near the river scheduled for May 26, 2021 at 6:00. Food trucks will be there and seniors can obtain free food tickets.

The newsletter is still being published and can be picked up at Town Hall or it can be delivered.

Director of Public Health Update – None

Council Liaison Update – Pat Ahlquist

The council worked on budget matters last week. The council is only getting the Town Manager's input (no department heads are present). Amy has 4 different budgets. The senior budget was approved. \$1000 was cut from the youth services budget.

The council has not heard much from the public in the past year. If you have questions, submit them via e-mail (mayor@cromwellct.com) and they will be read during the public comments portion of the meeting.

Pat inquired about vaccines and Amy responded that the clinics are going well. There are about 300 people on the waiting lists. Sal was offered the Johnson and Johnson vaccine and declined it. There will be a separate clinic using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine in the future. Amy said that nurses will be going out next week to vaccinate the homebound.

Old Business

- A. FY22 Budget Discussion Update – The senior budget received Town Council approval and the budget is now going to the Board of Finance.
- B. AARP Program Updated – The appointments are currently full. Seniors have a 15-minute appointment to drop off documents with a tax preparer; then return later in the day to sign their tax return. Amy is hoping to get the tax preparers to come another day because there is a long waiting list.

New Business

- A. Older Americans Month Celebration– The celebration at the park on May 26, 2021 was discussed during Amy's report. If anyone has any ideas, they should reach out to Amy. Bonnie Sprague inquired about raffles (artwork or baskets).
- B. Luella Landis said that the bylaws need to be revised. Amy suggested that Pat Ahlquist bring this to the Town Council because some of the revisions are part of the charter which cannot

be changed. Per Pat, there is money in the budget for charter revisions. He suggested that the Senior Commission come up with revisions as a group and then give them all to him.

Citizens Comments

Luella Landis reminded everyone to reach out to seniors because there are a lot of lonely people right now. Amy Saada has a list of people who want phone calls.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Luna; seconded by Deirdre Daly. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk