



Town of Trumbull

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MINUTES

Senior/Community Center and Library Study Building Committee April 7, 2015

Members Present: Anthony Timpanelli, Joe Pifko, Richard Seaman, Jeannine Stauder, Rachel Yahwak, Dan Marconi

Also Present –Lynn Arnow, Chief of Staff, and Jeannie Fereira, Senior Center Director

CALLED TO ORDER: Mr. Pifko called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comment, but Ms. Yahwak mentioned that she had a comment.

Ms. Yahwak mentioned that she was concerned last meeting when Town Council Chairman Massaro appointed two people as co-chairman of the committee without asking the committee who they wanted to be chairman. She did not feel it was ethical, that it should be open for discussion with the committee. and seems as if Town Council is guiding the whole committee and the direction they want it to go.

Mr. Seaman said he thought Mr. Massaro said it was open for discussion for the committee if that is ok with the committee. Ms. Yahwak said no, that Mr. Massaro did not say that.

Mr. Pifko read March 11, 2015 minutes where Mr. Massaro recommended that the committee be co-chaired by Joe Pifko and Dan Marconi as they are members of the Town Council and can conveniently provide reports at TC meetings. Mr. Massaro also mentioned that the committee can also make a recommendation.

Ms. Stauder mentioned that she is fine with the people that Mr. Massaro suggested Mr. Pifko mentioned that this will be brought up at the April 8, 2015 Town Council meeting and is on the agenda.

Ms. Yahwak asked if there was anyone else who was interested in being the chair of the committee and that she felt it needed to be brought up.

Ms. Yahwak asked Mr. Marconi was his background is. Mr. Marconi explained that he has an engineering degree and has managed engineering projects at one time. He was a facilities manager with 40 employees at one time and did after to interface with painters, carpenters, plumbers and people of that nature and does have a bit of building experience.

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Ms. Yahwak asked Mr. Pifko what his background is. Mr. Pifko explained that his background is pharmaceutical, does not have any building experience. He explained that he has been on the Town Council for two years.

Ms. Yahwak mentioned that she is ok as long as the Town Council does not lead the commission in the direction that they want commission to go, so that commission can be independent and ideas can be independent of what Town Council plans are.

Moved by Mr. Pifki, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to accept the March 11, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED. All in favor.

Mr. Pifko mentioned that purpose for meeting was to learn about the Senior Center and its programs, tour the facility, and meet the director. A fact-finding to see where we stand now before we find out where we want to go.

Ms. Ferraro shared the following as it pertains to the Senior Center:

- Total 773 members; 610 Trumbull-resident members and 163 members from other towns; Fairfield, Shelton, Easton, Stratford, Bridgeport, Wilton, West Haven, Waterbury, Beacon Falls, Stamford, Derby, New Canaan, Ansonia, Seymour and Westport.
- No charge for activities
- \$5 annual Membership Fee for Trumbull Residents
- \$20 annual Non-Resident Fee for out of town members
- Nurse comes in three days a week
- Transportation to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping and the nutrition program is available for Trumbull residents to use 5 days a week. On average, 20 people use each day. Town of Trumbull pays for cost of the program.
- A GBTA grant is used to provide transportation for non-ambulatory seniors to medical services beyond Trumbull, ie; VA Hospital, dialysis etc.
- 8-9 residents use transportation daily for Dr. Appointments
- Seniors are picked up at their cub.
- Nutrition Program; seniors pay what they can afford. Meals are brought in containers and heated up. This is not a part of the Town's budget; it is a federally funded program. CW Resources provides lunches.
- Ms. Stauder went over a list of programs provided by Ms. Ferreira. Town does pay for instructors
- Ads are placed in Senior Newsletter and sponsored by local businesses. The revenues go into the Special Agency account.

Ms. Ferreira mentioned the following needs at Senior Center:

- Any new facility should be kept to One level
- Include at least Two conference rooms
- Have more rooms for activities and programs
- Have Exercise equipment
- Art room needs to be a separate room with exhaust ventilation, also needs more than one sink
- New activity room, possibly with dividers to break into a number of rooms
- More parking

Ms. Fereira took the committee on tour of Senior Center. The Senior Center is also shared by the Arts Commission, Nursing, Social Services and Food Pantry.

Ms. Yahwak will speak with Easton to see when committee can take a tour.

Mr. Pifko will reach out to Fairfield to see when committee can take a tour. If possible see if tours can take place within next two weeks.

Ms. Stauder mentioned that the Library has long-range strategic plan. They have had their first meeting, some data has been assembled and a survey that the committee is going over.

Next meeting and time will be set after tours.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Ms. Yahwak, seconded by Mr. Marconi at 5:15 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Whetstone