

Senior Citizen Commission – January 24, 2020

Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission
January 24, 2020
10:00 am
Nichols Room, Trumbull Town Hall

The Senior Citizen Commission of the Town of Trumbull held a scheduled meeting on January 24, 2020 in the Nichols Room in the Trumbull Town Hall.

Present: Chairman Marcy Kelly, Ron Foligno, Mark Ryan, Evelyn Wiesner

Also Present: Michele Jakab, Director of Human Services

Absent: Jean DaRold and Michael Ganino

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Mrs. Kelly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Wiesner to approve the minutes of December 20, 2019 as written. Seconded by Mr. Foligno and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

No Secretary's Report.

Director's Report

Mrs. Jakab reported the following:

1. The Center is now fully staffed with the return of Ashley Grace and Karen Seferi who were on leave.
2. Approximately 200 cookbooks have been sold out of 300 purchased.
3. Several seniors have applied for assistance with the leaf raking/snow shoveling. There are approximately ten students that have signed up for the community service project. It was noted that the Town Attorney has prepared the appropriate legal paperwork. Discussion was held regarding another program in the past that paired young individuals or families with older individuals or families. Mrs. Jakab noted the Friendly Connections Program of Fairfield County could be brought to Trumbull which is a similar concept.
4. St. Joseph's High School students who interviewed the seniors for a school project did a great job and everyone felt it was a positive experience. Mrs. Jakob hopes to continue this program with the students.
5. Discussion of possible senior activities within the community was held.
6. An overview of the National Senior Center Accreditation Program was presented. There are nine standards of excellence in the program for senior center operations which serve as a guide to improve their operations today and position themselves for the future. This could be a goal if

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a new center is constructed. At this time it would be too expensive as it would require major reconstruction of the current center.

7. Budget hearing is next week.
8. Meeting is being held with the Senior Center, Health Department and EMS to identify vulnerable individuals in Trumbull who may require help in the event of a significant weather incident.
9. Pickle ball is coming in March.

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Kelly noted the following:

1. The Senior Discount Program is going well. Mrs. Kelly is looking for a list of all businesses in Trumbull so that they can continue to increase the number of participants. Mr. Ryan asked if anyone has contacted the participants to see how the program is working for them. Perhaps an article in the Trumbull Times again would be beneficial to advertise the program.
2. Meetings are being held to finalize the Mental Health Survey.

Old Business

1. Mr. Foligno gave an update on the status of the proposed new senior center noting a survey to the residents is being prepared in conjunction with the Aquatics Committee. Public forums are being planned.

New Business

1. Mrs. Jakab noted preparations are being made for the 2020 census. The Senior Center and Social Services have been contacted by the Council on Aging to help with assisting seniors with any questions they may have regarding the census process. They want to make sure seniors feel comfortable with taking the census and to let them know that some federal funding is contingent on the numbers obtained from seniors. There will be a census representative at the Senior Center on March 23 to assist the seniors in this process.
2. Trumbull TV is looking to highlight the house number visibility program initiated by EMS and the Senior Center. This will be a collaborative effort between the two departments and will discuss the importance of house number visibility for emergency services.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Wiesner to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am. Seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk