

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

March 8, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM

PRESENT: John Riesen (2021), Nancy Trawick-Smith (2020), Martina Wharton (2020), Devon Hock (2023), Wilfred Bigl

ABSENT: Joanne Sousa (2021), Dorothea Mercier

STAFF LIAISON MEMBERS Present: Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services; Sarah Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor

The minutes of January 11, 2020 were read and approved by Martina Wharton, with a second by Nancy Trawick-Smith.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Sam Bruder responded to letter regarding vacancies in Commission

PAT SCHNEIDER'S REPORT:

- Budget process continues, process slightly different this year
- Human Service Department has had a successful past month continuing with all programs, and helping people access vaccine sites
- Working on Food Program, looking like it will roll out April 1st. Applications begin mid March
- Projects around senior center have taken place, fixed windows
- Looking forward to making plans to hopefully begin re opening process, likely will be phased in process. Will follow state guidelines

SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- Vaccines and Taxes have been the main themes.
- St Patricks Day Meal is planned
- Meals continue 2x/month averaging about 70 people per luncheon
- CBDG Grant in April for additional options for food
- Two Ipads and Two hot spots will be purchased to lend out to people for in home technology use.
- Reopening Plan. Plan to be phased in. Will still need to continue social distancing. Hybrid programs likely to continue

JOHN RIESEN'S REPORT:

Discussion regarding vacancies:

- Will Bigl reports: Contruction continues, many residents have first vaccine doses. Sewage project will continue for the next two years

- Martina Wharton: Juniper Hill Village had a mobile vaccine clinic come, 55 people were vaccinated. March 12 will be the plan for the second doses and some additional first doses given. Last clinic will be in April.
- Martina reports she will be adding an ad for vacancies for Housing Representatives in the Glen Ridge newsletter and Juniper Hill newsletter.
- Sarah gave call to Wrights Way representative but did not have luck with suggestion to fill vacancy.
- Will Reports going to be getting new buses. Everything else is up and running. Ridership is down but routes continue.

Old Business:

- A. Pre Pandemic going to invite individuals to speak regarding New Housing development, to discuss if it's affordable housing, options for seniors etc. Unsure what current status is of building project. John willing to invite individuals to speak at next meeting.
- B. Discussion regarding putting together welcome packet for new commission members.

New Business:

- A. Note to revise description of Commission. Motion given to suggested change. Wilfred approved and Martina Wharton seconded the motion to approve. John to have senior center webpage updated.
- B. Plan to get link to At Your Fingertips Brochure on Senior Center Page. Will re vote on change when completed.
- C. Sam Bruder, Town Council Member, on Committee on Committees responded to inquiry that there were no pending applicants for the Commission on Aging. Commission currently has two vacancies.
- D. Plan to reach out via email or via senior center newsletter looking to fill vacancies for Commission on Aging Members. Need information by Monday the 15th to get into April newsletter. Martina to send ad to fill vacancies to Sarah.
- E. Next Meeting planned for April 12th, 9:30AM EST. Virtually.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13AM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Devon Hock.