



Senior Citizen Advisory Board Regular Meeting Agenda

Location: 1014 Darby Rd, Havertown PA 19083

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to order

Roll Call

Public Comments

Approval of minutes from last meeting – November 16, 2021

Nominations for Chairperson and Secretary

Open issues:

- 2022 Planned Initiatives (e.g. Haverford Township Day, Senior Expo)
- 2022 Newsletter Article Topic Suggestions

New business

Adjournment



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Call to order: Ms. Cuthbertson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: The following members as “present”: Christine McLaughlin (Ward 2), Margaret Lang (Ward 3), Peggy Murr (Ward 4), Jan O’Rourke (Ward 5), Diane Amadio (Ward 7), Rita Waters (via Zoom) (Ward 8), Scott Selkowitz (Ward 9), Dr. Carla Rodgers (At-Large Member), Victor Barsky (At-Large Member) and Aimee Cuthbertson, Assistant Township Manager. Representatives from Wards 1 and 6 are still to be appointed. Board liaisons, Commissioners Hart and Forste-Grupp sent their regrets that they were unable to attend due to schedule conflicts and at-large member, Dr. David Lee also sent his regrets that he was unable to attend.

Public Comments: n/a

Ms. Cuthbertson welcomed everyone to the meeting and all members introduced themselves to the group. Ms. Cuthbertson made a Motion to adopt the November 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. O’Rourke made two amendments amending reference to “2022” as opposed to “2023” in regards to possible goals for a senior expo. Revisions were accepted and Motion passed to adopt minutes (as amended) by way of a voice vote.

Nominations were taken for Chairperson with Mr. Barsky nominating Mr. Selkowitz. Mr. Selkowitz accepted the nomination and all members voted to the affirmative by way of a voice vote.

There was an exchange of ideas and possible goals for the year noting the following:

Discussion on ElderNet: Ms. Cuthbertson provided a bit of history on building a relationship with ElderNet and all members were in favor of the Township staff continuing in its due diligence regarding a formal relationship and funding. All members feel that there is a real need for more senior services and that ElderNet can be the mechanism to provide those services to our residents. There is still some concern about duplication of services between Surrey & ElderNet so additional information needs to be obtained to differentiate the two organizations. The federally

funded CDBG program was discussed as a possible way of providing funds, along with an explanation of the timeline and process for CDBG funding.

Discussion on a township-sponsored senior expo: Members agreed that there are already a few similar senior seminars/expos sponsored by state elected officials that are very well done and to try and produce an event of that same caliber may be difficult for our volunteer council. However, all members were in favor of marketing those events to our senior residents when they are scheduled.

Discussion on the purpose of the council: Ms. Cuthbertson advised the members that the council is advisory. If there are initiatives that the staff can accomplish, Ms. Cuthbertson will take those suggestions to Mr. Burman to see if we can implement. If there are township-wide policy initiatives, those would be directed to Dr. Hart who will share with other members of the Senior Advisory Commissioner sub-committee to see if there is enough support to bring an issue before the entire Board of Commissioners. The question of being charged with holding “public meetings at least once per year” was brought up and whether the Council has been in compliance with that task. The group was reminded that ALL meetings are open to the public but that increased general outreach should be a goal.

Demographics on township senior population: Members requested demographics on the Township senior population and whether any data from the census is available. Ms. Cuthbertson said she would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Outreach to Township seniors: All members were in agreement that outreach to senior residents is very important and that improvement can be made in this area to get information to seniors. One of the common issues seems to be the lack of resources all in one spot for seniors to reference. We discussed the improvements made to the Township website with its “Senior Information” page and will continue to build on that in the coming year with more resources including AARP program offerings, etc. The mailing of a survey and the creation of an email/ mailing list was discussed. Ms. Cuthbertson will look into from an administrative standpoint and report back at the next meeting.

Newsletters: All members were in agreement to continue outreach through the printed township newsletter and to include a “senior-centric” article in each issue.

The next meeting was announced for Tuesday, March 15, 2022 and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.