

April 18th, 2022

Commission on Aging Meeting Notes Time:6:30pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present-George Noyes, Debra Franceschini, Maureen Culhane, Andrea Beebe, Stephanie Rowe, Tony Phillips.

Absent: Karen Guadian

Members of the Public-Rian Malhtra and John Burke

Rian Malhotra was on the call as interested Youth Advisor candidate for the Commission. John Burke was also on the call and has expressed interest in the Commission on Aging open positions.

-Commissioner Update: Discuss outreach.

Debra sent an email to the Ridgefield Press editor to include an article on the Commissions open positions for recruiting purposes.

-Andrea reviewed a request from Founders Hall for an add page in their 20 year anniversary program. Cost of ad is \$100. Must be 25 words or less.

Stephanie made a motion to approve, Deb seconded. All in favor.

-Covid Memorial Tree update and Footmarker-Debra met with Steve Zemo and Nancy Rowe from the Historical Society. Mr. Zemo has made a generous offer to buy the tree since Commission funds

are low. The entire Commission agreed that this made the most sense since our funds are limited.

***Next step is to order a temporary sign to be purchased by the commission.

-Senior Spring Surprise gift update-The commission discussed the potential problems of handling and storage of plants before delivery to seniors. Another recommendation was made by Debra to purchase \$10 Dimitris gift cards. The entire Commission thought this was a good idea as Dimitris passing was one year ago this month. Stephanie made a motion to approve gift card purchase, Deb seconded all in favor.

**Debra will work with Kostas on purchase and with NCL on creating cards to enclose gifts in and deliver to seniors.

-Transportation Cards are on hold. Debra and Andrea will work together to press a final draft for review by the commission.

-COA Town website updates needed. Debra and Andrea will put all changes on an email to Tony to work with Town IT on.

-Maureen & Deb will work to help gather a list of all available grants in town with due dates and deadlines.

New Business

Maureen McClam joined the call and discuss a Dementia Friendly training session being held at Ridgefield Station and invited all commissioners to attend the day or evening sessions. Next session is Tuesday, April 26th from 4:30pm-6pm.

Maureen's contact information is 203-403-0990 and her email is mmclamSLR.com

Motion to adjourn made by Debra, Andrea seconded, all in favor.

Meeting ended at 7:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Franceschini-Gatje Secretary