

Commission on Aging Special May Meeting Notes

Monday, May, 18th 2020 at 7:15pm

Meeting was held via conference call and time change due to the COVID-19 Virus.

Attendance: Laura Giovannoli, George Noyes, Sheila Silverman, Lynn Marie Wieland, Tony Phillips, Karen Guadian, Debra Franceschini and Andrea Beebe, Cathleen Savery.

Absent: Mary Morrisroe dialed in after meeting was over.

Sheila Silverman made a motion to approve April meeting notes, George Noyes seconded all were in favor.

Laura Giovannoli talked about the overwhelming amount of tests for COVID-19. Test results vary. She also talked about Contact Tracing to stop at sources of those who have virus. Screening of all nursing homes and first responders a few weeks away. She also stated that PPE is not readily available including her workplace as a nurse. She recommended that all continue to follow CDC safe guards. At risks folks should continue to stay home.

Andrea Beebe asked about outreach policy's in our community. Sheila Silverman said the news on channel 3 TV has been very informative. The RVNA and Ballard Green communicate information to the public and its residents.

Tony Phillips talked about Neighbor to Neighbor and a concern of losing volunteers once things open up and people are back to work. Sheila Silverman uses their services and would likely continue until it's safe to go out. She stated that N to N is a great program and most seniors would likely continue to use their services for a longer term.

Tony to advise on N to N. They current have 80 volunteers with 78 clients.

The Commission will make a decision about summer recess in June. The COA usually take a July and August summer recess.

We discussed the 1 COVID case at Ballard Green. Residents are very concerned about member of the public using their residence as a cut through to CVS and Gilbert St. People on Skateboards, mom with kids, bike riders with no masks. Some residents not wearing masks. The public is using the Ballard Green resident picnic tables and shouldn't be.

We decided to make a formal complaint to the RHA about the items above of concern to residents. Letter to press, social media, etc.

Karen mentioned that she hears from residents that complaints are not responded to by Konover Mngt.

The next RHA public meeting is Wednesday, [May 20th](#) at 8am. Those who can attend will.

Immediately after the meeting our Chair Laura Giovanolli wrote a letter to be shared with all news outlets. Letter and article were published on the [June 4th](#) Ridgefield Press.

The Bridging the Mind group never called in for their presentation.

George made a motion to adjourn, Andrea seconded all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, [June 15th](#), 2020 conference call at 7:15pm on conference bridge [1\(425\) 436-6354](#) #737162.

NOTE: Anyone requiring special accommodation due to disability is asked to contact Town Hall.