

Commission on Aging November 16th, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting time of 2:30pm canceled.
Special Meeting time changed to 7:15pm.

Monday, November 16th, 2020 at 7:15pm

Attendees: Laura Giovannoli, Lynn Marie Wieland, Sheila Silverman, Mary Morrisroe, Deb Franceschini, George Noyes, Maureen Culhane, Karen Guadian, Tony Phillips, Andrea Beebe, Cathleen Savery
Absent:

Meeting was held via conference call and time change due to the COVID-19 Virus as was recorded by Tony Phillips.

October meeting minutes approved. Mary 1st, Shiela 2nd, Cathleen abstained. All others were in favor.

Laura Giovannoli talked about Covid handling at her workplace as a nurse. Laura recommended that all seniors over 65 get the high dose flu shot and continue to follow CDC protocols.

Debra Franceschini was informed by the RHA Town Committee that the elevator at Congregate Housing was down again and would not be working for 3 months as they need to modernize and replace hydraulics.

Congregate Housing has 34 apartments, and 4 floors. 5 units are currently vacant. So we have 29 residents living there at the moment.

**Deb will ask if there is 24 hour coverage at the facility.

George suggested we get a phone/ email buddy for the residents so they could FaceTime and write to a resident to provide some social interaction. This may cause a privacy issues. Resident would need to opt into this service.

Refilling of laundry cards is still an issue for the Meadows Building A. Seniors have to walk a long way to Congregate to get their cards refilled for use in laundry. Unit to refill cards has been on the RHA agenda. At this time they are saying they need to divert cost to 2021 due to COVID financials.

Founder Hall is doing a great job keeping their clients engaged, moving and active. Isolation is still an issue for all.

Lynn Marie discussed that Fire Alarm at Congregate is consistent with state code. 35 False alarms from Jan.-Sept. per her research. Lynn Marie will review her report at the next COA meeting December.

Private property signs at Ballard Green are still not preventing nonresidents from trespassing.

The Commission discussed possibly buying a small gift for each resident at Congregate. Will discuss further on December call with ideas from everyone.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm.

The next Commission on Aging meeting will be a special meeting taking place at 7:15pm instead of 2:30pm. Details below.

Monday, December 21st, 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.

Sincerely,
Debra Franceschini-Gatje
Meeting Secretary