

Special Meeting: Commission on Aging July 20, 2020 7:15pm Meeting Notes

Monday, July 20th, 2020 at 7:15pm

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

Attendance: Laura Giovannoli, Sheila Silverman, Karen Guadian, Debra Franceschini, Mary Morrisroe, Cathleen Savery, George Noyes, Maureen Culhane
Absent: Lynn Marie Weiland

Laura Giovannoli made a motion to approve June meeting notes, Sheila Silverman seconded, Cathleen abstained as she was not present at June meeting. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Karen Guadian stated that Neighbors to Neighbors has continued to serve seniors and have adjusted accordingly.

Laura Giovannoli spoke about the Congregate Housing meeting she and Debra Franceschini had with some of the RHA Committee members.

The Commission will start by communicating directly with RHA about the issue via a letter from the Chair/Secretary. Laura and Deb will take the reins on this communication.

Debra Franceschini discussed if we should update our COA resource flyer with additional shopping methods, etc. Most service work via an app which may cause some confusion for our seniors.

Sheila Silverman discussed how helpful and knowledgeable Mobile Rescue has been in town helping seniors get their computers up and running when issues occur. This is a paid service. Senior will need to ask for cost if what they need help with.

Founders Hall has no immediate plans for opening per our commissioners who are members. Founders Hall is very missed by all seniors as it provided lots of onsite socialization for seniors.

The Ridgefield Library is open for pick up and return on weekends. Must order books online.

Mary talked about the Women's Club RUOK program and calls are being made everyday to the seniors who need and want them.

A suggestion was made about to educate seniors on the use of Facetime to see their loved ones and friends.

Sheila made a motion to adjourn. Cathleen seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

The Commission will plan for a short meeting in August.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 17th, 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