

# **Rose City Senior Center**

## **Senior Affairs Commission**

### **Meeting of May 16, 2022**

Present Members: Frank Jacaruso, Rebecca Melucci, Lauriann Messoro and Joanne Philbrick

Present staff: Tara Booker and Mike Wolak

**Absent:** Michael Lahan

Meeting was **called to order** by Frank Jacaruso as there was a quorum.

**Approval of the minutes** –Minutes from April 26, 2022 meeting were approved

**Communications...**Mike shared that he received a letter and donation from WCC for the support of their group and the use of our center space for their meetings.

**Human Services Director report...**Tara spoke about budget staying as is so far for the Sr. Center. Hoping for extended transportation funds and Mental Health support services.

Tara was looking into money being used from Sr. Center funds for city hall roof project.

Joanne stated she would like to see more funds dedicated to senior center and senior services.

It was also brought up again that the committee feels there should be a council member on the Senior Affairs Commission to serve as a liaison.

#### **Director of the Senior Center report:**

1. Monuments committee for the City has favorably recommended adding Jan's name to signage in front of building and adding a plaque inside the building
2. City decided to shift some funds out of CIP funds for our replacement van. Leaves us even shorter for funding we will need to obtain the van
3. Testing site set to open at Sr. Center in the next couple weeks. Will be held on M, T, and TH from 4-7pm. Using gravel lot area and will not interfere with Sr. Center operations

**Chairperson report...** Mike informed the group of the 10 million dollars in the state budget dedicated to direct funding for Senior Centers. More information to come down the pike.

**Old Business...** NONE

**New Business...** Mike reported that Michael Lahan has missed several meetings and suggested a letter be sent to him to ask if his intention is to stay on the Commission.

We had a guest, Terry Travers, which asked about the politics of the group and what we were all about. Frank explained about the group and how to become a member.

Mike further explained about the boards and commissions that the city has.

Terry asked if she could be a guest. She also asked how our numbers have been since Covid and since we opened back up. She was concerned about losing funds if numbers were low.

Joanne asked about having some programs based around benefits that seniors may be able to access that they may not be aware of.

There was also a question as to if the Sr. Center would be having any future vaccination clinics. None are planned at this time.

**Other Business...**None

**FALL MEETINGS:**

**September 19, 2022**

**October 17, 2022**

**November 21, 2022**