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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

February 15, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Youth Room at Eno Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Victor Bible, Kathy Fallon, Carrie Kramer, Mike Jennings, Edward LaMontagne, Tim Lim, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Mark Orenstein, Charlotte Steptoe, Lynn Veith, Arlene Zappile, Ron Zappile, Kathleen Marshall (Senior Center Coord.)

Ex Officio:
Joe Loewy, Simsbury Housing Authority

Guests:
Tom Cooke, Town of Simsbury, Director Administrative Services

Excused: Grace Comeau, Mona Herman, Marvin Koff, John Hampton (Board of Selectman liaison)

Public Audience: None

Mr. LaMontagne appointed the following alternates as voting members for this meeting: Vic Bible, Arlene Zappile and Mark Orenstein

Tom Cooke was introduced as the "new" Director of Administrative Services and ADA Coordinator. He expressed a wish to work with the Commission as they review public buildings for any accessibility issues as well as any other ADA issues that may come up in the future.

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from November 16, 2010 were reviewed and accepted with spelling and grammatical corrections.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Souper Tuesday:

Mr. LaMontagne reported that the next event is March 15th and all plans are complete. Mr. LaMontagne shared the Souper Tuesday reconciliation balance sheet which shows a balance of \$838.83. Funds may need to be transferred from the budget to cover the remaining three events that are planned for this year.

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Citizen Service Awards – Lynn Veith

Ms. Veith distributed the nomination letters and applications for the Senior Services Award. She asked commission members to distribute these forms. The award will be presented at a Board of selectman meeting in either April or May.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility – Mike Jennings

Gerry Toner invited commission members to visit Simsbury Farms in December to tour the facility. A proposal for capital improvement to renovate the Farms, including accessibility will go to referendum this spring. In 2008, a Civil Rights Compliance review was completed at Simsbury HS and Memorial Park. Issues were identified at Memorial Park and they are being addressed. Other issues at the HS were completed in 2008, including handicapped parking.

Mr. Jennings made a spread sheet of the town buildings that need to be inspected for ADA compliance. He also distributed a checklist to be completed. Commissioners will contact Mr. Jennings if they wish to evaluate a specific place.

More specific detail of past and current evaluations in progress will be added.

Senior/Community Center Assessment – Mona Martinik

The Eno Memorial Hall Craft Room updates (chairs and flooring) are still in process. Three raised toilet seats have been identified as needed for the bathrooms. No changes have been made in the kitchen at this time. Ms. Martinik will follow-up. There is a new floor in the meeting room.

Ms. Martinik has started a list of Friends of the Senior Center to raise money for the current and future needs for the Senior Center.

Mr. LaMontagne shared a Request for Qualifications, which has been sent out to qualifying groups to develop a needs assessment and evaluation of Eno Memorial Hall. A final selection has not been made at this time.

Public Relations – Carrie Kramer

Ms. Kramer reported on the subcommittee plans. A monthly timeline was established regarding awards. The business award will not be connected to the Chamber of Commerce. All mailings/correspondence should go to a central location (town P.O. Box). SCTV should be utilized on a scheduled basis for commission activities.

Mr. LaMontagne appointed Mr. Bible as the new chair of the Public Relations subcommittee. Ms Kramer will remain on the committee.

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SENIOR CENTER REPORT - Kathleen Marschall, Senior Center Coordinator

Ms Marschall reported that they have had to reschedule events due to snow. She thanked the Simsbury Department of Public Works for doing a good job of snow clearing at Eno. There have been several events at the high school. 116 seniors attended the play, Chicago at the high school. Henry James students recently donated an AED to the Senior Center. Tax assistance has begun Tues and Thurs at the library.

REPORT FROM STUDENT LIAISON – Tim Lim

Mr. Lim reported on the status of the Harlem Rockets program at the high school. 300 people attended the Teen Battle Chef. Admission was free. The Student Council is considering VIP passes for future events.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Outreach

Mr. LaMontagne and Mr. Lowey attend quarterly out reach meetings. Mr. LaMontagne distributed a list of the outgrowths of the planning committee thus far.

Other Business

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2011 meeting dates

Mr. LaMontagne distributed the 2011 meeting dates

Mr. Bible made a motion to approve the schedule. Ms Kramer seconded the

motion. All voted in favor.

2011 Action Plan

Mr. LaMontagne distributed the 2011 Action Plan for the Commission. Several additions were recommended. Mr. LaMontagne will add these suggestions to the Action Plan and distribute it to the Board of Selectman and other relevant departments.

Ms. Martinik made a motion to accept the 2011 Action Plan with revisions. Mr. Orenstein seconded. All voted in favor.

Accessible Taxi Service

Mr. LaMontagne shared information regarding Metro Taxi and Yellow Taxi to provide accessible transportation. Mr. Jennings attended a hearing and shared his testimony. Yellow Cab was proposing coverage for the Farmington Valley. There are additional hearing dates scheduled.

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Transportation Service

Mr. LaMontagne shared information on the Town of West Hartford and the Greater Hartford ITN.

St. Luke Program for Seniors

Mr. Koff will discuss this program next month.

Commission Reappointments

Mr. LaMontagne reported on the status or re-appointments.

Nominating Committee Report – Kathie Fallon

The nominating committee proposed the following officers for 2011.

Ed LaMontagne: Chairman; Charlotte Steptoe, Vice Chair; Lynn Veith, Clerk.

Ms Martinik made a motion to accept the nominating committee report. Mr. Zappile seconded. All voted in favor.

Correspondence

Mr. LaMontagne shared that the resignation of Tom Doran from an alternate position on the commission effective 1/1/11

Mr. LaMontagne received a request from the town to complete the Commissions Annual Report for FY 09-10.

The next meeting of the Housing Dreams group will be on 2/23 at 6:00 p.m.at the Farmington Library.

Mr. LaMontagne reported on the North Central Mental Health Board February meeting. In 2010, 213 individuals in Simsbury received services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Other Business

West of Hartford at Home has changed their name to Aging My Way.

Picnic In The Park

Ms. Steptoe requested this be added to next meeting agenda for dates, budget and planning.

Sub Committees

Mr. LaMontagne will re-evaluate the status of the sub committees and provide a report at the next commission meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Fallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: March 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Veith

Lynn R. Veith

Clerk

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