

WEST HARTFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 16, 2019

Members Present: Noreen Bachteler, Rosemary Cleary, Ray Guenter, Robert Kennedy, Mary Reilly, Donna Sterling, Phil Walker.
Absent: Linda Hanson, Ellen Phillips.
Staff Present: Kathleen Faroni, Gina Marino, Keren Paquette
Guests: Senator Derek Slap, Representative Jillian Gilchrest, Kevin Farmer, Pamela Hilborn.

Chairman Phil Walker called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

The minutes for the January 15, February 19 and March 19 meetings were approved unanimously.

Chair's Report

Phil discussed the "Livability at Any Age: Let's Get Started" program to be held at CCSU on June 18, 2019 which is the June meeting date for the Commission. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the Commission members to attend the program as part of its June meeting. Transportation will be arranged leaving from the Elmwood Community Center.

General Assembly – Legislation

Senator Slap and Representative Gilchrest attended the meeting with each giving an update on legislation pending before the General Assembly. Topics included a wide variety of issues: general budget proposals, vaping, age discrimination in employment, tolls, education, Medicare Saving Plan asset tests and impact of State Budget decisions on West Hartford.

Transportation

Kevin Farmer reported that 75% of ITN rides were West Hartford related. There is an outreach to surrounding communities. The 10th anniversary celebration is April 24th, 3-4:30pm at Atria Hamilton Heights. Jonathan Harris who was instrumental in ITN's founding will be one of the speakers.

Senior Centers

Elmwood Senior Center – Kathleen Faroni

350 tax returns were processed. Health and Wellness Fair had 43 paying exhibitors. A meeting with CRT is scheduled for April 17th. Appointments are being set for the rental rebate program. The "Day of Caring" is scheduled for Saturday May 18th.

West Hartford Senior Center – Gina Marino

192 tax returns were processed. Many tax payers were turned away due to limited number of volunteers. Rental rebate programs appointments are being scheduled. The WHSC is a nomination finalist for the "Best Professional Senior Service Group" sponsored by Hartford Magazine.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st at 10:00am. Noreen Bachteler noted that the West Hartford Food Pantry will be the meeting topic.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Kennedy, Acting Recording Secretary