

Westport Center for Senior Activities
Policy & Planning Board Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2012

Present: Susan Pfister, John Weiss, Sue Lebrija, Stan Groner, Martha Aasen, Richard Price, Howard Maynard, Joan Bassett.

Excused: Annette Kirban, Paul Bieler, Stephen Colodny, Jack Klinge, Bob McGrath.

The minutes of August 6, 2012 were approved (J.Weiss/R. Price).

Update on Friends of the Westport Center for Senior Activities:

S. Pfister reviewed the upcoming activities of events planned by the Friends' program committee which included a demonstration by Chef Jeanne Licurse on the 27th of September, the continuation of Thelma Gordon's Mystery Film series followed by a Musical Film series which will run through October. S. Pfister reported that 77 persons attended the last barbeque which was co-sponsored by the Friends. The dates for the four Indoor Musicals will be finalized shortly.

Update on ITNCoastal CT:

S. Pfister printed out an ITNAmerica Portal for the month of August which showed number of rides, volunteer drivers, new riders, etc. 341 rides were given during the month of August. The board is planning on holding a fundraiser at the private home of a board member on October 5th from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. with a drive-in movie theme. Tickets will range in price from approximately \$100 – 400. Invitations to the event were distributed.

Update on Baron's Proposed Senior Housing Proposal:

The committee continues to meet in executive session and a recommendation to the first selectman is imminent. It appears there will be a recommendation to the first selectman within the next couple of weeks. Once a recommendation is made, many meetings will be scheduled between the Board of Finance, RTM, Planning & Zoning, etc. Also, the various boards, commissions and seniors interested in supporting this project should be in attendance at these crucial meetings. M. Aasen expressed a concern with Dan Woog's blog on 06880 regarding the project and some of the responses.

Update on Credit Card Option:

The recommendation to engage in a contract with Municipay for credit card purposes for the Center will be placed on the Board of Selectman's agenda on October 17. Ken Alexander from the Controller's Office will accompany Sue at the meeting. This will give participants an option to pay with either a credit or debit card come next semester.

Update from Municipal Agent, Sue Lebrija:

Sue has finished composing her annual municipal agent's report due to the State of CT for FY 2011-12. She will bring copies to the next board meeting for review. The fuel assistance program is gearing up and will run from November 1st – March 15th. The Warm Up fund was left in great shape from last year, mainly due to the mild winter and the generosity of donors. Sue gave examples of how the DHS provides a wide array of services, not all financially related. There are numerous scams going around both locally and globally and Sue went over some of the bigger ones that are unfortunately targeting the elderly. Detective John Rocke is scheduled to discuss the scam scene with the seniors on September 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Center. It was suggested that the board be kept in the loop in terms of attending other important meetings held by groups such as: the Commission for Senior Services, the Friends of the Westport Center for Senior Activities and the Human Services Commission.

Goals for and from New Board Members:

S. Pfister passed out packets to new board members which included by-laws, mission statement, etc. It was agreed that the board will review and discuss at the October meeting.

9th Annual Expo

Stan Groner announced the dates and details related to the 9th annual photo exhibition at the Center. This event is co-sponsored by the Y's Men and Center. The opening gala is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Other News:

S. Pfister mentioned an upcoming transit district meeting to be held at the Center on October 4th at 10:30 with the Westport Citizens Transit Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to have present riders express their feelings and opinions on the service and to offer suggestions for the future.

Suggestion Box:

Two suggestions were reviewed and discussed. S. Pfister will follow up accordingly.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned (R. Price/J. Bassett).