

Rose City Senior Center Senior Affairs Commission

Meeting of April 26, 2022

Present Members: Frank Jacaruso, Rebecca Melucci, & Lauriann Messore,

Present staff: Tara Booker and Mike Wolak

Excused: Michael Lahan, Joanne Philbrick

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

Approval of the minutes –Minutes from March 21, 2022 meeting were approved

Communications...Mike shared a notes from 3 different senior members thanking us for specific services.

Frank had specific questions regarding our transportation services and how it works.

Human Services Director report...Tara spoke about the budget being in process with the council presenting their budget this coming Monday.

With Recreation maintainers moving to PW, there may be an opportunity for the senior center to obtain use of the garage.

Tara mentioned to the City Council that the Office Coordinator position is a big want for the Sr. Center since it was not filled almost 6 years ago.

Mike was pleased that a City Council member asked if the budget of the Sr. Center is reflective of our needs.

Mike shared a thought that there should really be a council member that is a liaison to the council and could speak about the needs of the center and the senior population. Mike would like to see new council members take the time to learn more about the Sr. Center so when it comes to budget time they are really in the know about the services and programs that benefit the residents of the City they represent. Tara will be looking into having a council member on the Senior Affairs Commission.

Director of the Senior Center report:

1. Vaccination Clinic here today 10am-2pm-all varieties available
2. Applied for 2 Grants thru Sr. Resources for Podiatry Services and Benefits Counseling
3. MH counseling services is very busy-may increase hours to eventually have a 20 hour person here thru ARPA funds.

Chairperson report... NONE

Old Business...Frank asked if there was an opportunity for Norwich Tech to build us a garage for our busses.

New Business...NONE

Other Business...None

Next meeting Monday, **May 16, 2022 at 9:00am**