



Watertown Commission on Aging

Paul Ericsson
Cindy Raymond
Jim Sandquist
Dave Smith
Rachel Bender
Deb Favorit
Dawn Plumer
Mayor Steve Washburn
Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi

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1. Call To Order

Commission on Aging Vice Chair Paul Ericsson called the Commission on Aging meeting to order at 3:33 pm in room A of the Watertown Community Center.

Members present: Ericsson, Deb Favorit, Amy Dimmler, Steve Washburn, and Lynn Tschudi.

2. Adopt Agenda

3. Approve Minutes

3.A. Approve Minutes From June 9, 2021

4. New Business

4.A. Senior Dinner 2021

Administrative Services Director Tschudi updated that she has reserved a date for the Senior Dinner even if it does not occur. The tentative date is December 7, 2021 at 4:30 pm. Ericsson asked for a reminder of why the event was not held last year. Tschudi said it was because the commission had determined the dinner was more about socializing rather than the actual meal. The commission discussed the possibility of the dinner not occurring for 2021.

4.B. Meeting Format Change

Mayor Washburn said it is hard to stay engaged during these unknown times of COVID and Zoom meetings are difficult. The older group people are still reluctant to meet in person. He said he doesn't feel like the community is ready to completely engage.

Paul Ericsson asked if the City Council has any tasks for the Commission on Aging to work on. Washburn said the tasks are somewhat the same right now such as WeCab and senior housing.

Favorit is in favor of meeting quarterly.

Commission discussed the increase in COVID cases and the reluctance by citizens to socially engage.

Washburn suggested utilizing Facebook Livestream to engage residents in educational seminars and trainings. Commission was tasked with thinking about future topics to possibly live stream.

5. Ageless Business

6. Updates From City

Washburn updated that the City has selected four finalists for the City Administrator position. He also updated on the wastewater treatment facility and the grant the City has qualified for. Washburn said the city has been using a lot of water due to the dry conditions. The City is in need of a second water tower and will be holding open houses to receive feedback on the location. Highway 25 will open on Saturday, August 7 with the wrap up of construction.

7. Updates From Commissioners

Amy Dimmler updated on the fall Community Education brochure, and she said they will adjust the in person classes as needed due to COVID.

Ericsson said the library will continue to have Facebook Live programs. The summer reading program has been successful even though there are less kids participating.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm

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