



Watertown Commission on Aging

Paul Ericsson
Elizabeth Schulze
Cindy Raymond
Jim Sandquist
Dave Smith
Rachel Bender
Deb Favorit
Holly Krantz
Mayor Steve Washburn
Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi

8/5/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

Commission on Aging Chair, Paul Ericsson called the virtual meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. In attendance online: Ericsson, Dave Smith, Holly Krantz, Deb Favorit, Jim Sandquist, and Elizabeth Schulze.

City staff in attendance online: City Administrator Shane Fineran and Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi.

2. Adopt Agenda

SANDQUIST MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approve Minutes

3.A. COA Minutes From 6/3/2020

FAVORIT MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2020 MINUTES. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. New Business

4.A. Holiday Dinner 2020 Discussion

Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi asked the Commission if they have been thinking about making a change to the format of the Senior Dinner due to COVID-19.

Paul Ericsson stated that his church assists families experiencing homelessness. He asked if there would be any way to provide a meal service to elderly citizens of Watertown. Sandquist suggested a combination of drive-through and delivery.

Fineran suggested mailing coupons to those that RSVP which in turn they could use those coupons at Marketplace Foods for a turkey dinner. Ericsson said it would be nice to have multiple days available for pick-up so that social distancing could be followed. Tschudi will speak with Jim May at Marketplace Foods to see if he is interested in working with the Commission on this plan. She will report back in September.

5. Ageless Business

6. Updates From City

City Administrator Fineran updated the City received \$350,000 in CARES Act funds to be used for COVID related items. He updated that the EDA will be providing grant money to local businesses to assist with lost revenue due to the Coronavirus. There will also be technology grants, utility relief, and liquor license credits. Fineran updated the Primary Election is Tuesday August 11 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

7. Updates From Commissioners

Holly Krantz from Public Health updated on the Aging with Gusto program offered. She will be following up with additional information. Krantz updated they continue to reach out to long term care facilities. Public Health assesses their PPE needs and discuss any new COVID cases.

Sandquist updated that WeCab has opened up to all types of rides, creating more demand.

Ericsson updated it has been a challenge to update services at the Carver County Libraries. They have expanded their hours and are experimenting with some other services at certain branches.

8. Adjourn

SCHULZE MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:09 PM. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

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