

Haverford Township - Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: **7:00 p.m.

Location: 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown Pa., 19083 - Room B

Agenda

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of February 20, 2023, meeting minutes

Chairperson's Report:

Business in process:

- Outreach efforts: Continued discussions regarding improving and expanding outreach efforts with Township Seniors in conjunction with the Commissioners.
- Senior Open House: Updates regarding planning for the event, tentatively scheduled for early October, 2024.
- Eldernet: Updates to proposed discussions.
- Services, programs and resources information dissemination: Updates to proposed discussions.

Emerging business:

- "Safe Streets Initiative"

Public comment

Good and welfare

Adjournment

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Minutes

Mr. Selkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, conducting the meeting remotely via FaceTime.

Roll call

Recorded as present: Christine McLaughlin (Ward 2), Margaret Lang (Ward 3), Peggy Murr (Ward 4), Jan O'Rourke (Ward 5), Diane Amadio (Ward 7), Scott Selkowitz (Ward 9), and Victor Barsky (At-Large Member). Carla Rodgers

(Ward 1), Rita Waters (Ward 2), Aimee Cuthbertson (Assistant Township Manager), and Conor Quinn (Commissioner Representative) were unable to attend. Ward 6: Vacancy.

Approval of February 20, 2024 meeting minutes

The Council unanimously approved the February 20, 2024, meeting minutes.

Chairperson's report

The Chairperson's Report was deferred to the April 16, 2024, meeting.

Business in process:

Outreach efforts for 2024; information dissemination

A significant objective for 2024 is to expand and improve upon community outreach efforts within respective wards and beyond.

At the February 20, 2024, meeting, it was proposed that a part-time Township position be created, charged with the responsibility of both gathering information regarding programs, services, and resources available to and for our Senior Township Residents and communicating such through a dedicated platform—our established Senior Information Page on the Township's website. It was further suggested that such support could possibly be provided through an internship opportunity.

After review of our proposed idea by the Township Administration, it was determined that such a position, whether through an internship or a part-time paid position, was not feasible at this time. However, there was a recognition of the relevancy and importance of the objectives and purposes as indicated and it was suggested that the Council explore ways to achieve these outcomes through its collective efforts.

Reaching the conclusion that this discussion would be an ongoing work-in-progress, the following ideas, suggestions, and recommendations were presented:

Request to address the Board of Commissioners at their May 6, 2024 Working Session to discuss the importance of such information collection, outreach and dissemination

and discuss how each SAC Ward representative can work more effectively with their Representative Commissioner to achieve these outcomes. In addition, this address would also recap the work of the SAC to date and formally announce the upcoming Senior Open House (10/13/2024).

Further research what type of information / topics Township Seniors would like to see posted on the Senior Information Page—beyond or in addition to what is currently posted.

Further research what type of links we can have to information specific to Seniors originating from the offices of our public officials. (Peggy Murr offered to contact Amanda Cappeletti's office to pursue this idea and will report back to the Council at our next meeting.)

Further discuss how the Council can further refine and maintain the content presented on the Senior Information Page.

Follow-up will be provided at our April 16, 2024, meeting.

Senior open house

In partnership with our Parks and Recreation Department, the "2024 Senior Open House" will be held at the CREC on Sunday, October 13, 2024, 11 AM to 2PM. Planning discussions will continue.

Eldernet

Aimee Cuthbertson briefed Ann O'Brien (Interim Executive Director of ELDERNET) of prior discussions and developments regarding ELDERNET's proposed service provision to Haverford Township. In addition to the overview of prior discussions, it was indicated that Anne O'Brien would have to receive her Board's conceptual approval prior to the re-engagement of any further discussions. Since no such approval has been reported to date, further discussions will remain on hold.

Emerging business

Safe streets initiative

A brief discussion was held regarding the on-going "Safe Streets Initiative." This topic will be further addressed at our next meeting.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Good and welfare

There was no good and welfare.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.