

## COA Meeting, April 7, 2021

DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM VIDEO RECORDING.

Attended by: Roberta Lynch, Bob Heald (2020), Perry Conostas (2019), Katie Robinson (2021), Heidi Groff (2023), Lisa Donovan, Kathy Powers, Trish Pembroke, Nick Milano, Nancy Gerstel –Date in (2020) = expiration date of term for Council On Aging Board Members

Roll Call to Order: 10:10 a.m

Motion to Approve March 2021 Minutes: YES –3, NO - 0 – Minutes Approved

### ROBERTA:

- March activity picked up: 253 unduplicated people, 642 total served, 34 average participation, 17 volunteers at Center, 397 Covid unduplicated calls
- Reopening plan:
  - Next Monday, small group settings outside: book group, knitting, exercise groups, knitters
  - Masks required inside building; required outside when closer than 6' apart
  - Club Program reopening approved
  - Will begin half-year tax work-off for 30 people starting in May or June through October with a lottery and resume 65 people full year in November
  - May 5 Re-Opening Celebration outside with coffee and pastries, piano player
  - Tent has been put up on patio
- For maintenance of trees, shrubs, grounds, have estimate from Lueders of \$1,000 for maintaining, fertilizing; and \$2,100 for removal of trees.
- Facilities Manager was at Center with floor people to examine thresholds. In the meantime, Roberta will purchase a portable wheelchair ramp for over thresholds
- Will hold off on more ZOOM presentations after April
- Susan has submitted retirement papers for May 27. Position has been posted and resumes received for position. Reception will be held for Susan.
- Five developers bid on senior housing on land at The Center. Neighborhood believes housing will be too close. If we donate more land, developer will build our garage along with the houses. Garage will be built into plan.

### LISA:

- Seeking out homebound elders through Outreach
- Applications for housing, fuel assistance, homelessness options
- Making Covid Vaccine calls – some people haven't been contacted in years
- Assisting with Online programming
- Hosting "How Would You Handle It" on line
- Driving bus during Peter's absence (Peter at home with rehab 6 weeks)

**KATIE:** Question: when can COA resume in person meetings?

**NICK:** requirement that meetings are open to the public – restrictions still in place due to COVID – probably in-person meetings will be one of the last to resume

**KATHY:**

- The Club will reopen Tuesday, May 18 with 5 clients. Letters sent to clients and 4 have replied Yes to participate. Hours will be 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Clients will bring own lunch.
- Will use back card room and outdoors.
- She and Trish are redoing registration pack and operations plan.

**BOB:**

- Food Pantry has approached COA for decision of relocating Food Pantry to COA land.

**BOB –** Bob is not in favor due to concerns of future expansion and promise of garage.

**ROBERTA –** process has to go through Town Meeting and put out to other organizations that might wish to put a food pantry there. If we give to one non-profit, could be approached by other non-profits for same consideration

**PERRY –** Disadvantages outweigh advantages

**KATIE –** Agrees

Motion to deny request for land: YES: 3 NO - 0

Motion to adjourn (Yes- 4, No-0) accepted at 10:40 a.m.



**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Roberta Lynch**

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