



SOUTH ORANGE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 5:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

- A. Trustee Hartshorn Hilton - Present
- Tracy Carroll, SOMA Coordinator - Present
- Tonia Moore - Present
- Harold Colton Max - Present
- Sandy Lublin - Absent
- Lenore Berkman - Absent
- Bill Graves – Present (joined at 6:08 pm)
- Jackie Herships - Absent
- Pearl Feder - Present
- Sam Convissor - Absent
- Shirley Gordon - Present
- Karen Boss - Present
- Michael Auer - Present
- Sandra Dickerson – Present
- Linda Gottlieb – Present
- Lawrence Aronson - Present
- Evette Solomon, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes

Board members approved the minutes of December 21, 2021

4. Public Comments

None

5. Reports

- A. SOMA Two Towns for All Ages Coordinator, Tracy Carroll Report
 - 1. Celebrate Older American Month in May
 - Intergenerational Projects like Senior to Rising Senior



- Award the Nan Sammons Leadership and Community Service award
 - Work with Village to have a town wide event where seniors play a prominent role
 - Other activities to come
 - 2. SOMA 2021 Senior Survey
 - Closes Mid-February
 - Paper copies at senior buildings, town halls, and libraries
 - 3. Lifelong learning exploration continues with Seton Hall
 - 4. Senior technology instruction program and assistance
 - To begin in Mid-March.
 - Plan to hold in senior residential buildings.
 - 5. Housing
 - NJAAW virtual Housing Series next month and LeadingAge website were suggested as good resources
 - 6. Carmen's position in Maplewood
 - No applicants as of yet, deadline to apply is extended
- B. South Orange Village Trustee Karen Hilton Report
1. Covid Safety
 - Enforcement of guidelines is tricky
 - Requested Village provide clarity around mask efficacy
 2. Upcoming Budget hearing, presentation of department plans and explanation of how money was spent in 2021.
 - Committee was encouraged to attend.
 - Budget will not be approved until late spring.
 3. ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units)
Being discussed by Trustees. Maplewood has an ordinance allowing for these
 4. Cannabis businesses
 - Still being discussed with details yet to be finalized
 5. Leaf blower ban
 - Being discussed. Strong opinions on both sides
 6. Pedestrian Safety on Meade St.
 - DPW committed to replace lightbulbs under train trestle on Meade St
 7. Ordinance for Senior Rec & Cultural Affairs Fund
 - Need to work on request to implement a senior rec and cultural affairs fund to offset the cost of programming



6. New Business

A. SOSCAC Goals for 2022

Criteria for Goals:

- Have to be doable
- Have to be impactful
- Have to be measureable

Suggested Goals

1. Community engagement
2. Pedestrian Safety
 - More signage and Painting crosswalks, especially on Vose
 - Police non-emergency contact 973-763-3000. Call to report traffic speed violations.
3. Senior Housing
 - Subcommittee possibly needed for Seniors
 - Public education to keep home safe
4. Discussion of metrics to assess 2022 goals

B. Ms. Feder. discussed

"AOA" – South Orange Active Older Adults

-Jan/Feb programs start tomorrow, enrollment was good. They will start planning for spring and summer with Rec & Cultural Affairs.

-Ms. Hilton, Ms. Feder, and Ms. Carroll are meeting with Arlene Romoff, a hearing loss advocate, to discuss assistive hearing technology for the Baird Center this month.

C. Process to determine the recipient of the Nan Sammons Award

-Not discussed, will move to next month's meeting.

7. Old Business

- ### **A. Final approval of the SOSCAC Mission Statement developed December 2021**

8. Next Meeting Date

- ### **A. February 15, 2022 – 5pm**



9. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn made by Harold, seconded by Larry.
Motion carried.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm January 18, 2022