Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee.
Minutes: Monday, January 28, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Senior Center, 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs

Welcome: 2019 has been declared the Year of the Senior in Saratoga County, by the Saratoga county Board of Supervisors.


Absent: Phil Diamond, Jared Littleboy, Ann Trainor,

Agency representatives: Denise Yannaci (OFA); Lois Celeste & Bailey Hutchins, (Senior Center)

Meeting called to order by Barb at 1:35 followed by member introductions and sign ins. Barb shared the declaration of “Year of the Senior.”

Minutes reviewed, Chuck moved to approve, Mary Ellen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MSAC reviewed the 2018-19 goals for committee with proposed revisions. We discussed goals set, met, and leftover from last year.

It was proposed by Lois, discussed and agreed by the committee that the Mayor should be met with and included in the discussion of goals for committee. Barb and Dee will meet with the Mayor, who was unable to attend due to preparations for the State of the City address.

We discussed future neighborhood meetings, how best to proceed. The group seems to be in consensus that subcommittees accomplish much and are a good plan. Specific topics may be delegated to a subcommittee as they arise. Ex. transportation, parking, safety, housing.

Nancy Cameron discussed Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) involvement, support, endorsement, promotion, and hosting of a future city wide forum as the “Road Show” on April 12 at Empire State College’s West Avenue location.

There was a preliminary vote on whether the committee should continue with 2 more neighborhood meetings as well as April forum, or just one combined meeting. Vote 7-5 to combine far and near east neighborhood meetings with the ALL meeting, pending the Mayor’s input. Barb briefly offered tentative meeting dates, noting corrections.

Celeste offered her expertise and qualifications to be the committee liaison to the Affordable Housing Task Force. She will carry information on Senior Housing, needs, and developments i.e. co-housing, dormitory, new construction, between committee and AHTF. MSAC voted in favor of her service, pending definition of liaison.

Celeste moved to adjourn at 2:50. Chuck seconded. Adjourned.

Next Meeting February 25, 2019 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 5 Williams Street, Saratoga Springs.

Minutes submitted by Tammy D’Ercole, Secretary.