

Minutes

Richmond Elder Affairs Commission

September 6, 2016 -9 am – Town Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Iva Lipton at 9:10 am. Present were Jennifer Lee, Melania van der Hooft and Iva Lipton, thus a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Two guests were welcomed by the commission.

The motion was made by Melania and seconded by Jennifer to accept the minutes of August 2, 2016 as written. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

Reports:

1. Councilman Oppenheimer gave an interesting report which included a reminder of the Town Council meeting to be held tonight. Among the items to be addressed are bids for the building of the gazebo; a request from the Preserve for a zoning change; the dedication of the Robert Kenyon Public Works Complex to be held September 17th; the financial Town Meeting to be held on September 21th regarding the purchase of land by the town; and a ceremony on September 22nd at the Police Station. He urged all to attend these important events.
Guest Jackie Kenyon stated that she felt that projects like the building of the gazebo should be granted to the Vo Teck to give the student the much needed hands on experience. Councilman Oppenheimer stated it was too late for the gazebo but it could be considered for future projects.
2. The only financial activity was the payment of \$186.88 for the Meals on Wheels Drivers Appreciation Luncheon.
3. There has been no work done in the Memorial Garden. Iva stated that there is a dead shrub that needs replacement. She also stated that Warren's Bargains is presently having a sale of all shrubs for \$12.99. It was agreed to purchase a replacement from them.
4. Jennifer reported that the Affordable Housing Committee has not met.

Correspondence:

There has been no correspondence.

Old business:

1. The Meals on Wheels Luncheon was discussed. Although the participation was low, it was agreed that it was a success.
2. A discussion was held on the Meet the Candidates Luncheon to held at the Vo Teck on October 6, 2016 at 9:30 am. Iva distributed flyers and requested that members find places to post them. Invitations have been written and will be mailed to the candidate on August 25th except to those involved in the primary vote. Those invitations will be mailed as soon as the winners are announced. All Candidates are requested to respond by September 26th so the introductions can be written. Press releases have been prepared and will be given to the local newspapers. The information will also be put on the Town Website. All Richmond public is invited and must make reservation by September 30th. Melania will collect the \$8 fee at the door the day of the luncheon.
3. The Newsletter was presented by Jennifer. A discussion was held regarding the need to fill the last page. It was decided that including a list of all Candidates would fill the space. Jennifer will rework the articles to include them. We have received a list of the Richmond voters over 65 who are to be mailed the Newsletter. It was decided that we would have 750 copies printed by Staples.

New Business:

1. The folding and labeling of the Newsletters will be done by Melania and Iva as soon as it is printed.
2. Ideas for future programs was deferred to our next meeting. Mr. Oppenheimer reminded the commission that we should include a program on tax deferment for seniors and disabled.

Public Forum:

None

A motion was made to adjourn by Melania and seconded by Jennifer. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:55AM.

The meeting was followed by an excellent presentation on identity theft by Chief Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva J. Lipton, Acting Secretary