

Minutes

Richmond Elder Affairs Commission

October 4, 2016 – Council Chambers, Town Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was held.

Guests were welcomed.

The motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Melania to accept the minutes of September 6, 2016 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

1. Councilman Oppenheimer gave his usual interesting report. He outlined issues of importance to be addressed at tonight's Town Council Meeting: the preserves request to change zoning; the Rise building; appointing of a new Town Clerk and the purchase of a new gazebo.
2. There has been no activity on Meals on Wheels.
3. Financial: Iva submitted the bill for printing of the Newsletter.
4. Memorial Garden: Iva went to Warren's Bargains and picked out a rhododendron to replace the dead shrub in the garden. When she mentioned that the plant was for the Town, it was given free. Public Works has already removed the dead shrub and planted the new rhododendron. It was mentioned that this kindness should be publicized. Iva said that she had already done that at the last Town Council meeting.
5. Affordable Housing Committee: Jennifer reported that no meetings have been held.

Correspondence:

Responses regarding the Candidates luncheon are coming in but not in a timely fashion.

Old Business:

1. The Newsletter was printed by Staples. At first they only printed 200 copies instead of the 750 ordered. When the mistake was brought to their attention, they printed the order again. This time they put it on heavier paper than we requested which made them much harder to fold. They were sent out as planned and we received a good number back. A discussion was held regarding that issue. We get our names from the 65 and over voters list so that list needs updating. The procedure to do that is unknown.

2. Iva gave an update on the Meet the Candidates Luncheon. So far 16 Candidates will be attending. The number of residents who have responded is low. Hopefully we will get some last minute responses. Iva has prepared the introductions for the Candidates.
3. Election of a Secretary was once again postponed.

New Business:

1. Ideas for new presentations were discussed. The program for Tax deferment for seniors and disabled will be done in February. Guest Audrey Swain suggested that we do a program on heating assistance . The Commission thanked her for the Idea and will do that in either November or December. Audrey will give Iva the name to call regarding this.
2. The time for beginning our meeting was brought up by Iva. We had changed from 9:30 to 9:00 as Jennifer is still employed and it fit her work schedule better. However, since the town hall does not open until 9am it is difficult to start at that time. It was agreed that our meetings should start at 9:15.

Public Forum:

Iva introduced guest Lorraine Sidelinger who is interested in joining the commission. It was explained to her the steps she must take to become a member. The entire commission welcomed her.

A motion was made by Melania and seconded by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva J. Lipton,

Acting Secretary