

WEST HARTFORD SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 19, 2019

Members Present: Noreen Bachteler, Rosemary Cleary, Robert Kennedy, Donna Sterling, Philip Walker
Absent: Ray Guenter, Linda Hanson, Ellen Phillips, Mary Reilly
Staff Present: Gina Marino, Keren Paquette
Guests: Erica DeFrancesco, Robert Giddings, Mary-Margaret Girgenti, Pamela Hilborn, Joe Kolczynski, Bob Savage, Mary Silverberg

Chairman Philip Walker called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Because a quorum was not present, the Minutes of the January 15th and February 19th meetings were not approved.

Chairman's Report

Philip Walker asked that the members follow the legislative budget regarding the Medicare Savings Plan and a new asset test being considered.

Live Well

Erica Defrancesco, the Director of Community Education, and Bob Savage, who is living well with dementia, presented information about the organization and its programs. The mission of Live Well (formerly the Alzheimer's Resource Center) is to positively transform the way people living with dementia are viewed, engaged and supported. The Power Point presentation is attached.

West Hartford Social Services

Keren Paquette noted that the Food Resources information is being developed. Winter protection shut-off is ending. Renters Rebate appointments are starting. The social workers will be doing the appointments since the agreement with CRT has ended. The ALICE REPORT is attached.

Transportation

Mary Silverberg and Joe Kolczynski reported the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving grant has helped the organization train the board and drivers. The 10th anniversary celebration is April 24th, 3-5pm at Atria Hamilton Heights. Katherine Freund, the founder of ITNAmerica, will be present.

Seniors Job Bank

Mary-Margaret Girgenti reported that requests are picking up, especially for office and business workers.

Senior Centers

Reports attached.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36am.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lynn Silverman, Volunteer Recording Secretary