

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes – April 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am by Chair Vail.

Roll Call

Members present were: Russ Anderson, Lucky D'Ascanio, Jen DeRice, Catherine Hannon, Herb Hartley, Amy Lamontagne, Peggy McGehee and Dolores Vail. Joel Glass and Carol Kauffman were absent.

A special welcome was made to Herb Hartley, our new committee member. Unfortunately, because of time constraints with our Special Guest, Herb was unable to provide some background information. The committee looks forward to learning more about him at the next meeting.

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of March 9 meeting

Catherine moved to approve the minutes; Peggy seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Special Guest – Nathan Poore, Town Manager. Nathan will provide updates on the Senior Center design/bid process, Zoning (as it relates to accessory dwellings and the committee's proposal to make changes), and speak with the group about Senior Tax Relief.

Nathan spent 90 minutes with the committee and discussed a variety of topics. He explained that the Town Council will vote on the FY17 budget on April 25. In that budget, there are funds for the Senior Room construction, as well as a placeholder of 10K to fund the new senior position.

The budget contains 75K for the Senior Room. The goal is to keep the project under budget and the money will be available on July 1. There was discussion about bidding the project vs General Contracting it ourselves. Nathan, Amy, and Lucky are researching options and speaking with a local contractor. They have also spoken with a local architect about some discounted work. Lucky said the project cannot start until the end of August because of summer camp.

There was also a general discussion about OceanView's expansion and landscaping plan (aka Town Green). Nathan explained that September 1 is the new deadline for OceanView to submit landscaping and trail designs. They must spend 35K more than the original plan. During the summer, the SCAC will have an opportunity to provide feedback about the landscape plan and Peggy was chosen to represent the group. Lucky will also choose a member of PAC PAC to participate.

The committee would like to report to the Council in May or June. An update would include architectural sketches, cost estimates, construction timeline, and a discussion about fundraising.

If the May 24 meeting is too soon, the June 20 meeting would be the first meeting with new Council members.

Zoning Discussion – Nathan provided an update on the Community Development Committee (CDC) and their work with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). The new proposal would allow 20 ADU's per year (subject to obtaining a building permit and passing code). The CDC is presenting this item (with a Public Hearing) to the Council on April 25. Peggy suggested that members of the SCAC attend the meeting to support this item. Amy offered to e-mail the group with the agenda item and approximate time. Peggy also inquired about the 850 square foot size for the ADU. What was the rationale behind it? Amy will contact the Community Development Director for more information and send an e-mail to the group.

Senior Tax Relief – Nathan provided some details about tax relief programs in other communities. He mentioned programs in Cumberland and Scarborough and Amy offered to send the program details to the committee. The group decided to review this process and provide a recommendation to the Council in September.

Item 3 – Other Business

No other business at this time.

Item 4 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.