

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
VERNON SENIOR CENTER – 26 PARK PLACE
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

October 24, 2017 – 9:30 AM

Chairperson Carole Slattery called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

A. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Carole Slattery, Advisory Members Sally Geer, Patricia Iamono, Maryann Hopowiec, John Mytych, Wes Shorts, Bill Tyler, and Ron Kane.

Absent: Roxann Lannan

Ex-Officio Present: Edward Slattery and William Campbell

Also Present: Mayor Daniel Champagne and Maureen Gabriele, Director of Vernon Senior Center

B. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

C. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

September 26, 2017

Minutes corrected to include Wes Shorts and Bill Tyler as being present.

Sally Geer made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected.

Bill Tyler seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

D. SECRETARY REPORT

No correspondence received.

E. TREASURERS REPORT

Wes Shorts gave a report on the Treasury balance and summarized the activity for the month of September. The new balance increased by \$3.44 on the certificate of deposit (CD). The CD was rolled over when it became due.

Maryann Hopowiec made a motion to accept the report.

Sally Geer seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

F. COMMITTEE REPORT

Things are still moving along for the new senior center and occupation by the beginning of the New Year is possible. The one unknown will be the delivery of equipment as it is ordered. Due to the negative comments regarding the progress being made at the new

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senior center, Wes Shorts, after conferring with the Mayor, invited the Journal Inquirer (J.I.) to visit the new senior center. They took pictures of the new senior center and wrote an article showing the progression that is being made. The article was in the J.I. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. While there on October 19, 2017, the new plantings were delivered and set up on the outside. The landscaping design was done by Jeff Hutton, resident of Vernon, of Earthworks at no charge.

G. DIRECTORS DISCUSSION

Tours for 2018 have already been booked with Friendship Tours. Friendship Tours presented all the available tours to the seniors at the senior center on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 1:00pm.

Exercise classes have been expanded in preparation to offer more at the new senior center. Other classes that fill up quickly, will also be expanded.

Naming of the Newsletter was extended until November.

Veterans' Luncheon took place in November and the Out to lunch bunch went to the Publick House for a Thanksgiving feast.

H. CHAIRPERSONS DISCUSSION

None

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

Table discussion with the Mayor regarding such: lowering the member age to 55, resident vs. non-resident participation, dues, card access and member vs. non-member access. General consensus- lower age to 55 and when revising the By-Laws, indicate the change in age from 60 to 55 and discuss the question of dues. The new By-Laws must then be approved by the Advisory Committee and by the Town Council. Volunteers were asked for the work on the revision of the By-Laws. Those who volunteered included: Bill Campbell, Ron Kane, Wes Shorts, and Maureen Gabriele, Director of Vernon Senior Center. Anyone else was and still is welcome to volunteer. Wes suggested Maureen request copies of By-Laws from other Senior Centers to make the process more efficient and timely. The group of volunteers is to set up their meeting schedule and report at the next meeting.

Several Advisory Committee Members requested an opportunity to visit the new Senior Center. The Mayor made arrangements for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 9:30am. Those interested were to meet at the new Senior Center.

Adjourn (10:45 AM)

Advisory Member Shorts, seconded by Advisory Member Mytych, made a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Received: October 30, 2017

Approved: November 28, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wes Shorts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wes Shorts

Secretary Pro-tem