



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

Parks and Community Programs Committee

Senior Advisory Committee

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Meeting Notes- Friday, May 25, 2012

The Senior Advisory Committee held a meeting on Friday, May 25th, 2012. The meeting was chaired by Councilwoman Julie McDonnell. Town Supervisor Joe Landry and Councilwoman Liz Kasper were in attendance as well as over 15 committee members and staff. Shop Rite of Niskayuna generously provided refreshments for the meeting.

The subcommittees reported on their progress as follows:

Transportation – Richard Ratajak summarized the committee’s written recommendations to streamline transportation via the Town Bus. Councilwoman McDonnell thanked the subcommittee and stated that the Town will review these recommendations to create policies for Town bus use. She asked the subcommittee to begin to look at compiling information on other transportation resources available to seniors.

Fundraising- Nancy Marcello reported that the group has been meeting, and soliciting and testing recipes for the cookbook, as well as working on the other ideas (e.g., fall garage sale, election-day bake sale). Councilwoman McDonnell distributed information from the County Library regarding cooking and food programs and suggested that the group may be interested in coordinating with the Library in this venture.

Communications and Outreach – Toni Boughton was unable to attend this meeting, but members reported on all of the Niska- Day outreach activities (parade, information booth, survey). Councilwoman McDonnell thanked all of the seniors who volunteered their efforts to make Niska-Day successful.

Trips, Programs, and Facilities: Lorene Zabin reported now that Niska-Day is over, the subcommittee will begin to focus on the trips and programs for this summer and fall and again recommended a long-term calendar (up to a year) so that a wider array of trips can be planned. Richard Ratajak, co-chair discussed his upcoming baseball stamp presentation to be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, June 5. He also reported on the Albany Airport trip that took place in May.

Community Resources: Janice Mansfield reported that a survey document has been completed to be used at site visits at neighboring senior programs. She also distributed a document to committee members to indicate their contacts at other community organizations. Site visits will begin in June and a schedule will be made available for all those wishing to attend.

Other Items:

Councilwoman McDonnell discussed the staffing of the senior center and asked for the committee's leadership in creating a more pleasant environment.. She also discussed the possibility of establishing a few more subcommittees (1) Decorations/Special Events and (2) Food and Refreshments.

Follow-up items:

- Coordination of date for garage sale/craft fair in October.

The Senior Advisory Committee meetings will generally be held on the last Friday of each month at 10am at Niskayuna Town Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 29th at 10am.