

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the August 7, 2023 Meeting

In-person, Woodbridge Center-Lounge

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: S. Davidson, Commission Chair, J. Ciarleglio, L.F. Miller, C. Austin, B.P. Madden via telephone.

Staff present: J. Glicksman, Human Services Director, K. Moriarty, Woodbridge Center Director

Absent: V. Livesay, A. Holzman, A. Cohen (formerly Sanchez), J. Clarke-Lofters, N. Pfund, Youth Services Director

Meeting called to order by S. Davidson, Chair at 7:08 p.m.

I. Public Comment

Although publicly noticed, no members of the public were in attendance.

II. Additions to the Agenda - None

III. Minutes of the June 5, 2023 Meeting

L.F. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting. J. Ciarleglio seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. The Woodbridge Center

K. Moriarty presented the June and July 2023 Woodbridge Center reports, which are on file in the Human Services office.

- **Staffing**
New driver is still needed. J. Bonaldo and M. Recchia continue to fill in as needed. Ride requests have increased. R. Marcosano has done an amazing job getting the kitchen ready and adapting to the lunch routine. A new assistant to the Senior Center is needed as J. Esposito has pursued full time employment elsewhere. All staff members have been pitching in as the void of the 28-hour position is critical. J. Glicksman applauded K. Moriarty for doing two jobs well as the new Center opened. A motion for the hiring of Kristy Laydon for the position of Clerical Program Assistant at a rate of \$20.40 per hour contingent on a satisfactory background check was made by J. Ciarleglio and seconded by B.P. Madden. The motion was approved unanimously. Start date was discussed.
- **Re-opening of The Center**
We are very happy to be in the new space. Moving day went smoothly. Small adjustments are still being made, locks rekeyed, HVAC issues, water intrusion, etc. Many new members have signed up, taking books shared by the Friends of The Woodbridge Library, viewing the art, having coffee, etc.

- **Programming**
 Father's Day luncheon fed 94 people. Kitchen procedures were updated. In person lunch has resumed. Attendees have been very complimentary. Hamden Rehabilitation will be providing cake/cupcakes monthly to celebrate birthdays.
 Thirty people attended the Hands-only CPR class.
 The Annual indoor Picnic was very successful with help from the Police Department and volunteers. The energy was positive and over 80 people attended. The next sponsored luncheon is filled at 50 residents.
 Aerobics resumed and is doing very well. Tai Chi class just finished, and another funding opportunity is possible.
 The Center received another decommissioned police vehicle, and it is working well.

C. Austin made a motion to accept the June and July 2023 Woodbridge Center reports. J. Ciarleglio seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. **Youth Services**

J. Glicksman presented the June and July 2023 Youth Services reports, which are on file in the Human Services office.

- **Programming**
 Fee change for Youth Evening Program (YEP) was discussed with costs consistently going up.
 A motion to increase the cost of attending a Youth Evening Program to \$10 was proposed by Youth Services beginning with the 7th Grade Picnic on August 23, 2023, was made by J. Ciarleglio. L. F. Miller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Grants update and schedule**
 August 1 reporting is completed. Many successful programs were discussed. Job Bank has been busy. Harlem Wizards at Rec Camp was well received, and Baby-Sitting class is planned for late August.

 L. F. Miller made a motion to accept the June and July 2023 Youth Services reports. J. Ciarleglio seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. **Human Services**

J. Glicksman presented the June and July 2023 Human Services reports, which are on file in the Human Services office.

- **Senior Center Renovation update – Grand Opening update**
 The Center Ribbon Cutting was successful and well attended.
 There are a few problems with humidity, water incursion from storms and the punch list that has yet to be completed. The architect is back from vacation and hopefully these issues will be addressed. The room divider came in under budget at \$9,200. J. Glicksman was able to determine that a federal vendor could be used that greatly reduced the cost. The original cost was budgeted at \$50,000 by Olympus Construction as an add alternate.

- **Center Building Renovation Committee, Center Gym Project update**
Center Gym renovation should start after the election in late November. The committee continues to meet. J. Glicksman has given three tours to architects and engineers.
- **Vietnam Veterans event – update**
70 people attended this wonderful event.
- **Programs**
J. Glicksman pursued and was given a grant of \$10,000 to provide flu and COVID vaccines through the National Council on Aging (NCOA).
We hope to offer flu, COVID and RSV vaccines this fall.
- Energy Assistance program applications will begin on 9/18.
- Living Treasure – update
Four awardees were selected. They are Mary Lee Barker, Matt Giglietti, Joe Crisco, and Lynn Piascyk. Hopefully we will get more volunteers for the event. Tickets are on sale now through Sept 7. It is expected to sell out. Hamden Health and Rehabilitation will donate dessert. Meal costs have increased but the cost of the ticket did not increase for this year.

C. Austin made a motion to accept the June and July 2023 Human Services reports. L. F. Miller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Old Business/New Business

- Next Meeting – September 11, 2023

VIII. Adjournment

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. L. F. Miller seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Submitted by:

Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this Day of , 2023.