Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 22, 2021 (Webex)

Attendance: Marie Thompson, Vivian Cottrell, Connie Pizarro, Diane Harris, Marianne Regan, Celeste Twamley, Geri Fudge, Kathy Collins, Beau Byrtus, Massa Davis, Catherine Bragg, Councilman Ran Anbarason, William Byrtus.

January minutes were read and accepted.

Inquiries to be made about easier ways for members to sign on to the website, and to receive and send emails.

Councilman Ran Anbarason will continue to substitute for Councilwoman Crystal Pruitt and report to her items of importance. He will be included in the link for notification of the meetings.

Councilman Anbarason reported on the hearing about The Grandparents Park, there was a lot of rejection of the project to the council, so it has gone back to the council for consideration.

Follow up on transportation for Kingston residents, with medical appointments outside of Somerset County has not yet been tested, Celeste will follow up.

Youth Center is progressing well. No time frame for opening due to the virus.

Communications: Vivian inquired about notifications for seniors. Outside brochures, telephone chain with table captains, flyers, newsletters. Calling Post Voice Messaging, a calling service for groups that sends the same message to the same group for a price, was suggested. Vivian inquired if that service was available, if the clubs would-be reimbursed. Beau will check it out. Beau stated the Township's network Next Row might have that component. He will check it out.

Celeste will pick up brochures for Kingston.

Vaccines: Mayor Kramer has a Task Force set up. Quail Brook Senior Center, Shop Rite in Hillsborough, Robert Wood Hospital in Somerville, are sites that are close. Vivian suggested that the FranklinTownship Senior Center be considered as a site. Beau said he would check into it. Diane sent a letter to Mayor Kramer and Rev. Sories inquiring about getting appointments scheduled.

Members for the Senior Advisory will remain in the same positions for the year.

Virtual Programs. Senior programs are going well. Planning for a Senior Expo, it would be a drive thru event. Plans for youth and seniors. Winter Family Hikes weather permitted. BINGO. Dimensions of Wellness. Virtual movies suggested. Beau will follow up.

Next meeting: February 26, 2021

Submitted by, Catherine Bragg