

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2020

Attendance: Chair Rosemarie Picciuto, Vice Chair Audrey Van Buskirk-Hoge, Council Representative James Bullard, Camille Fernicola, Walter Hohner, Herman Jackson, Chor Lee, Mon Louie, Joyce Coles, Barbara Rieger, Joan Stamile, and Amy Bauman (Director on Aging, Piscataway Township).

Guest: Heidi Cramer (Director, Piscataway Library) and Kate Baker (Special Populations Librarian, Piscataway Library).

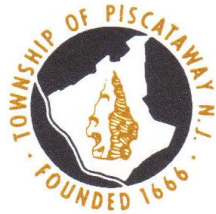
Absent: Antonio Albano and Lois Bjornsen.

The meeting was convened at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Rosemarie Picciuto. The minutes for the meeting of February 13, 2020 were accepted by Amy Bauman for distribution to Commission members.

APRIL MEETING DATE CHANGE: Our next meeting will be held on **APRIL 7, 2020 (FIRST Tuesday) @ 1 PM**. Please mark your calendar!

Announcements

- Addressing the Coronavirus News
 - Pro-active actions taken by Amy Bauman at our Senior Center:
 - Large gathering cancellation such as St. Patrick's Party on March 17 and Hackensack Meridian Health Fair on March 25.
 - Reschedule events with large number of seniors such as International Women's Day on March 27.
 - Classes with over 20 seniors are cancelled such as Zumba.
 - Cancelled United Way's VITA tax preparation until end of March. Will re-evaluate situation afterwards.
 - Coronavirus information are displayed at our Senior Center.
 - Twyla Paige from Middlesex County Health Department will present "Corona Virus Update & Information Session" on March 16 at 10 AM.
 - Amy handed out information on prevention, what is it, how it spread, how severe and symptoms.
 - Senior Center will remain open for small classes, breakfast and lunch.
 - Jim Bullard stated that lots of Senior Centers (such as South Plainfield and Old Bridge) have closed. Since the older adults are most vulnerable, Jim will discuss with the township on possibility of temporarily closing our Senior Center.



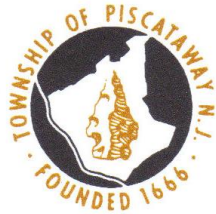
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Sharing

- Jim Bullard proudly showed the two (2) “Excellence in Programming” NJRPA (New Jersey Recreation & Park Association) plaques that Piscataway Senior Center won on February 25 at Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City: Joyce Coles’ “International Women’s Day” got the “Special Events Programming Award” and Chor Lee’s “Computer Buddy” got the “Educational & Interpretive Programming Award”.
- Rosemarie Picciuto reminded us that the “NJ Motor Vehicle Mobile Unit” will be at the Piscataway Senior Center’s parking lot on April 6 from 10 AM to 2 PM. They will be able to process “Real ID” which is the enhanced driver’s license needed for travel after Oct 1, 2020
- Rosemarie Picciuto shared the feedback complaint that no one introduced the people talking at the tea events in the beginning and that a “Thank you” was not given at the end.
- Heidi Cramer and Kate Baker from Piscataway Library shared the following:
 - Library is doing fine with no changes to its hours. They will continue to have programs with limit of less than 25 people.
 - On Mar 26 at 6:30 PM, Kennedy will be having the “Justice Film Screening”. Attend to see PBS documentary “Not in Our Town: Light in the Darkness”. This film is about a town taking action after anti-immigrant violence devastated their community. Piscataway Councilman Jim Bullard will host a community discussion following the film.
 - Maker’s Day will be postponed.
- Because of the Coronavirus situation,
 - Rosemarie Picciuto shared her worry that if our Senior Center close then the older adults will be lonely because the Center is their only social meeting place.
 - Audrey Van Buskirk-Hoge reminded everyone to use paper towel instead of hand blower. Also, she suggested we check YouTube for video on “How to make your own mask”.

Upcoming Events

- Mar 16, “Coronavirus”, 10 AM. Twyla Paige from Middlesex County Health Department will have “Corona Virus Update & Information Session”. Sign up at reception desk.
- Mar 17, St. Patrick’s Party”, CANCELLED.
- Mar 25, “Health & Wellness Screenings”, CANCELLED.
- Mar 27, “International Women’s Day”, POSTPONED.
- Mar 30, “Adult Coloring”. Rutgers Exercise & Aging Group event. Sign up at reception desk.
- Mar 31, “SS United States”, 12:30 PM. Don Buzney from “The Veterans Corner” WRSU-88.7 FM New Brunswick station will present the flagship of the American merchant fleet from 1952-1969 and the “A-List” of movie stars & celebrities who sailed on her. Sign up at reception desk.
- Apr 7, “Colon Health”, 10 AM. Michelle Jansen MS. MAT from Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ will talk about colorectal cancer prevention. Sign up at reception desk.
- Apr 28, “Parkinson Disease: What you need to know”. Diagnosis & treatment options presentation. Sign up at reception desk.



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- May 4, “New Jersey Landscapes”, 12:30 PM. Presentation explores changing uses of landscapes through time & examines historical methods of measuring & delineating the land. Sign up at reception desk.
- May 11, “Passport Day”. US Postal Service will be here to process passport applications. Sign up with reception and pick up “Application” and “Fee Schedule”.
- Aug 3, “Passport Day”. US Postal Service will be here to process passport applications. Sign up with reception and pick up “Application” and “Fee Schedule”.
- Nov 9, “Passport Day”. US Postal Service will be here to process passport applications. Sign up with reception and pick up “Application” and “Fee Schedule”.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Rosemarie Picciuto. The next meeting of the Commission will be on the **first Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Piscataway Senior Center**. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Senior Center Staff at (732) 562-1133.

CC WITH NO ATTACHMENTS

Amy Bauman, Director, Office on Aging, Piscataway Township
Commission Members
JFK Library
Municipal Clerk
Mayor’s Office

Respectfully submitted,

Chor Lee
Secretary