

Northampton Council on Aging Meeting

Thursday, July 14th, 2022, 3:30 pm

Virtual:

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COA Minutes-Draft

Call to Order: Cynthia Langley called the meeting to order @ 3:30 pm

Present: Cynthia Langley, Kim Park, Nancy Yesu, Laura Scott, Michael Ford, Gerriann Butler, Jeanne Henry Hoose, & Anne “Val” Romano

Virtual: Carolyn Sandel & Bob Dionne

Public Session: Brian Steele, Daily Hampshire Gazette Reporter, no comment

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- **A motion was made to approve the May minutes by Michael Ford and 2nd by Jean Henry Hoose. The minutes were unanimously approved.**

New Business:

- **Cindy introduced Kim Park as the new Senior Center director. Kim’s starting date is Monday, July 25th.**
- **Kim was asked what her vision was for the first 60 days. She replied that one of her first priorities will be to listen to older adults to obtain feedback on programs, services and their experience at the Senior Center. She plans on supporting the staff and team who have done a great job during the absence of a director. She envisions a warm & friendly environment**

with good collaboration amongst all involved.

- **Council members voiced their ideas on what they would like to see change: more follow through on public comments, communication between local organizations helping older adults, less formality, help with isolation and resources in the community. Val raised the question of the best way to reach out to Kim. Kim replied that face to face, email or phone calls were all fine.**
- **Nancy Yesu spoke on upcoming programs, rising numbers in classes, thanked staff for their efforts, renewed efforts with new director onboard to again have technology help at the Center, CPR training for staff through a Dept of Health grant, transportation needs using PVTa & Cosmic continue, Mental Health training for the staff through CSO, and the new furniture has been ordered**
- **Laura Scott spoke on the continuing efforts to provide good transportation to city residents, the new allowance for travel to Hatfield medical appointments, and positive communication between staff and patrons**

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Recruiting new COA members by establishing what role they play in the Center**
- **Establishing closer ties to other organizations such as Northampton Neighbors**

Next Meeting: September 15th, 2022, 3:30 pm, Northampton Senior Center

Adjournment : Motion to adjourn was made by Jeanne Henry Hoose & 2nd by Michael Ford

Meeting adjourned @ 4:15 pm