

MEETING OF THE  
DANBURY COMMISSION ON AGING

September 13, 2011

Chairperson, Estelle Zimmer called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Charlotte Barrows, Jay Geib, Neil Corday, Annemarie Walker

ABSENT: Mary Mazzucco, Natalie Farrar

GUEST: Ellen Seidman

STAFF: Susan Tomanio, Director of Elderly Services  
Margaret Emerito, Municipal Agent

OLD BUSINESS: Estelle Zimmer reported that she had met with Mayor Boughton. Estelle shared her views and goals with the Mayor such as raising awareness of the changing policies for the elderly in today's life, the Commission to be an educational vehicle for the Seniors, to work with the Mayor, Common Council and Department of Elderly Services.

Charlotte Barrows reported that work has not started on the new Main Street development. Estelle suggested that Charlotte follow the progress and report to the Commission.

Jay Geib re-visited the Vendor's Booklet. In 2007, Jay and Charlotte were instrumental in creating a booklet which listed contractors that would benefit seniors. Discussion of the difficulties of re-creating the booklet followed. A unanimous vote rejected the pursuit of this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan Tomanio presented the Department of Elderly Services report for August 2011. Margaret Emerito presented the updated Benefits programs for the elderly.

Estelle requested the change of Date or Hour of the monthly meetings. Request tabled to a later date.

Estelle questioned the increase of the Hart bus fare from \$.60 to \$1.00 presenting a hardship for some elderly. Susan Tomanio referred to the recent Hart bus meeting at Senior Center as a "done deal". Susan explained about the economy cutbacks in services. These economic problems also relates to the Senior Center's Van.

Estelle announced she will be meeting with Town Clerk Laurie Kaback on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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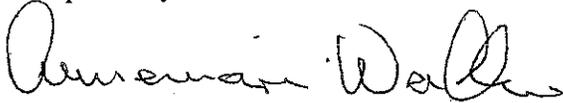
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BY: 

Neil Corday motioned, seconded by Annemarie Walker that candidates interested in joining the Commission. should first attend a meeting and meet the members of the Commission. Also, all interested persons should be referred to the Chairperson. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annemarie Walker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Annemarie Walker  
Acting Secretary



# CITY OF DANBURY

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COMMISSION ON AGING  
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DATE: August 29, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton, Members of the City Council

FROM: Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW  
Director of Elderly Services

RE: Department Report for August 2011 City Council Meeting  
(Reporting Period: 7/25 – 8/29, 2011)

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**Department of Elderly Services** - 562 incoming / outgoing information calls

**Elmwood Hall Senior Center** - 361 seniors, 2913 visits/services (stats on seniors with membership cards only)

**Program Highlights:** Let's Dance Freestyle Exercise Group, Author Talk & Book Signing: Colleen Plimpton "Mentor's in the Garden of Life," SweetHART Bus Public Hearing on Fare Increase, Breast Cancer Awareness

**Municipal Agent** - 399 office/phone appointments

**Monthly Concerns:** Rent Rebate Applications (815 processed to date), care giving and long term care options, changes to ConnPACE program and the Medicare Savings Program, elderly & disabled benefits information, area senior and disabled housing options, Medicare, Medigap, Medicare D & Medicare Advantage counseling, Medicaid, elder law and attorneys referrals, home care options, respite care options, CT Dept. of Social Services Protective Services Office referrals

**SeniorNet** - Off for the summer.

**Van Transportation Program** – 288 one way trips

**Donations** – None to report this month.

**Commission on Aging – September**  
**Municipal Agent Report by Margaret Emerito 9/13/11**

**Renter Rebate:**

<sup>Thompson</sup>  
Mary and I have worked on 865 applications this season. 842 applications have been submitted to the State of CT. Office of Policy and Management (OPM). The last day to apply is 9/15/11. Getting special permission from OPM to extend the application deadline, for medical reasons only, is possible until 12/15.

**ConnPACE and Medicare Savings Programs changes as of 7/1/11 – Please see the attached Benefits Summary.**