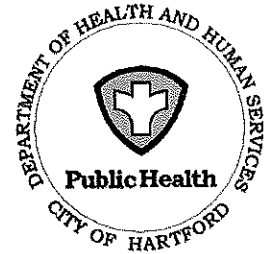




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Commission on Aging December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time/Location: December 8, 2020 2:00pm-3:00pm
Parkville Market, 1400 Park Street, Hartford, CT

Attendees: Leslie Manselle, Hyacinth Yennie

Absent: Damaris Bolorin, Deborah McDonald Desmond Sinclair, Dianne Bowers, Maxim
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Staff: Kimberly Taylor

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1. Call to order, and introductions 2:09 pm

2. What's happening Now?

- Chair Leslie Manselle announced that the meeting was held at Parkville Market because the Senior Centers are not available for meetings.
- Chair Leslie Manselle noted that there were a few members not present at this meeting. She also noted that Damaris Bolorin has not participated for some time now and she would be contacting the Hispanic Senior Center so they can have a representative who is able to attend the meetings. Also note, Deborah McDonald contacted staff, Kimberly Taylor, via email that she will be resigning from the commission.
- In January the commission will have two guest speakers from State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services.
- Open Discussion- What is the vision of the commission in the future? What would you like to talk about? What guest speaker would you like to invite? Overview of the senior centers.

Hyacinth Yennie (South End Senior Center)

- ✚ Wellness check of participating seniors
- ✚ Get Well/Birthday Card Expression

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- ✚ Monitor the services needed with the members
- ✚ Continue delivering Lunches
- ✚ No tentative dates for reopening the center
- ✚ Maybe a welcome back celebration
- ✚ Hyacinth's vision for the commission is to survey the seniors to see that their needs are and have them share their knowledge with each other. We need to put more emphasis on senior. We need an advocate for the seniors and the advocate can work with seniors on how to get the seniors updated information. Maybe a senior forum or summit. Some seniors still want to work. There are a lot of young senior who still have the need to make a difference.
- ✚ Descent housing is needed for the seniors.
- ✚ Medicaide, medicare seminar needed.
- ✚ Speaker in charge of Health and Human Services for seniors
- ✚ Opportunity for seniors to speak to with the City of Hartford decision makers

Leslie Manselle (Parkville Senior Center)

- ✚ Food still being distributed via CRT, Salvation Army
 - ✚ Senior calling senior for wellness check
 - ✚ Chair continues to with social services and social support
 - ✚ *Leslie vision is to educate the commission so that the commissioners are educated to inform the seniors; outreach is key. The commission needs to be better represented; better racially and politically represented. More diversity.*
- The Chair does not have the most current housing list. She spoke to Claude Trapp to see if there were any updates regarding senior housing. Due to Covid-19 no update available. Chair noted that the housing in Hartford is growing.
 - Minutes for October 13, 2020 and November 10, 2020 have been tabled due to lack of quorum.
 - Next meeting will be held on January 12, 2021 @ 2pm-3pm. Location to be announced.

3. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm

Respectfully submitted
Kimberly Taylor, Staff Liaison