

Mary Shepherd Home Veterans' Citizens' Advisory Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 5 p.m.
Municipal Building
Room B-19

Attendance: Atty. Ralph Wilson, Councilman Sebastian Giuliano, Veterans: Larry Riley and Phil Cacciola, Carl Rodenhizer, Chief Real Estate Officer Columbus House, and Vinnie Loffredo, community member.

Meeting called to order by Atty. Ralph Wilson at 5:05 p.m.

Public Session: No members of the public attended.

Introductory Remarks

Atty. Wilson reviewed the history of the conversion of Shepherd Home into the 32 apartment units for veterans, the **Comprehensive Development and Land Disposition Agreement** including Article IV Section 4.7 Citizens Board (*aka Shepherd Home Veterans' Citizens' Advisory Committee*), the role of the project developer, Columbus House and the service provider, DeMarco Management Corporation.

The initial discussion of the conversion of Shepherd Home began in 2016.

Election of Officers

The committee voted to elect: Atty. Ralph Wilson, Chairperson; Larry Riley, Vice Chairperson; and, Vinnie Loffredo, Secretary.

Discussion

The members discussed many issues including the role of the committee as advocates for the resident veterans, helping to connect them with the Middletown community, working with Columbus House and DeMarco Management and maintaining the mission of the facility as housing for veterans.

Future Committee Meetings

The committee voted to meet on a monthly basis. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month commencing on August 21 at 5 p.m. These meetings will be held at the Shepherd Home, 112 Bow Lane in the ground level meeting room.

Reports

Carl Rodenhizer reported that as of June 19, 2019, 26 veterans had moved in, 2 were scheduled to move in on Friday, June 21 and 4 applications were being reviewed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.