

SENIOR SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Middletown Senior Center

150 William Street

August 20, 2012

5:00 PM

1. Members Present: Councilman Ron Klattenberg, Councilman Philip Pessina, Commissioners: Ed Dypa, Ed Rubacha, Claude Hendrickson, Patricia Jackowski, Annabelle Malone

Absent: William Wasch

Staff Present: Raymond A. Santostefano, Interim Director and Heidi Geores, Senior Center Manager

General Public: Middletown Press staff, Jim Salemi

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 5:02.

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Approval of Minutes: Not applicable – this is a special meeting of the commission for the sole purpose of discussing amended plans for the Eckersley Hall building.

Departmental Reports: Not applicable

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Review and approve the plans for the renovation of the Eckersley-Hall building for use as a Senior-Community Center prior to the Special Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber:**
 - Councilman Ron Klattenberg reviewed a printed power point presentation with the group highlighting a change in the entryway. The plan has been revised to keep in line with traditional Georgian-style architecture. He also pointed out the format of the staff spaces which will allow for private space needed for the Municipal Agent for the Elderly Included in his review were cost projections (both hard and soft costs), reminding the commission that listed dollar amounts were conservative and that the project is expected to be completed for less than these figures. Grants and tax credits will play a role in reducing final costs. Councilman Philip Pessina added that the entryway will be more welcoming and provide easier access to program spaces also noting that the plans allow for 95 parking spaces, a bike rack and walking path for active seniors. Patricia Jackowski motioned to accept the revised plan, seconded by Annabelle Malone and unanimously approved by the commission. Claude Hendrickson expressed concern regarding obtaining generators for senior housings, referencing issues that occurred during the early snow storm last October, which left seniors and disabled persons stranded in multi-level buildings when elevators weren't functioning. Patricia Jackowski made a motion that the commission should go on record in support of multi-level housings being equipped with generators, the motion was passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous:

Adjournment: 5:47

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Geores