Notes
10-17-17
6:30 pm

Attendance: Tonia Moore, Alyssa Aronson, Larry Aronson, Peg Cinberg, Harold Colton-Max, Shirley Gordon, Bill Graves, Karen Hilton, Sandy Lublin, Nan Samons, Cathy Rowe

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Minutes of 9-19-17 accepted as corrected and approved as corrected
Peg will send them to Scott for posting

Transportation
Larry reported on Go-Go Grandparent in Chatham-Madison information
Larry will email the sheet to us
The sheet of information is attached to these minutes

Both Larry and Cathy are informed and are continuing to keep in touch with Chatham-Madison 's transportation and Go-Go grandparent usages and funding/subsidies/etc
Is Go-Go grandparent affordable?
Should Sam be included in this research? In publicizing whatever we do?
Harold asked : Who will do the means testing?
Staffing issue: Program eligibility – annual income/age/program has to be staffed

What should we do about Go-Go grandparent? We will look into using this and how to set this up?
2018 initiative will be evaluated
Sam is spokesperson for this

Easy Ride has a program: Drive for Life
May be slightly cheaper but is only M-F 8-5
Volunteers drive

ITN
Came up during focus groups/uses volunteers
Winds up being more expensive

Cathy will go to Management mtg with other suggestions for transportation
And the need in either SO or M
What is the usage of the jitneys right now? SO and M jitney service is different – In SO you must call for the service. But people can call driver's cell phone.

Could be expanded to be under NJ transit.

Goals for next year – transportation summit
At SOPAC next year

New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIPS) will figure out usage for us

Rutgers or NJ TIPS
$3200 for the study

They would have this done before January, 2018

Cathy will ask Grotta for this money or we may use what we have left from Grotta

Food
Karen looked into this
Cathy put out two sheets on Food for Seniors
These are attached to these notes

RENT PARTY has brought food to 219 SOA – was welcome and they will continue doing this

There should be a nominal charge for food
Interfaith Food Pantry (in Orange) allows customers/clients to select their own food

Recycling
Electronic Collection
Environmental Coordinator
Volunteers who could collect senior electronic garbage
Seniors have trouble carrying

Bike Racks
Bill Graves thinks we need racks throughout town
Janine Bauer is interested in this
She has done a lot of work on this
Walter Clark is interested in this
Neil Chambers is another person interested in this (landscape architect)
Was the green space funds used for bike racks and/or for the bike path?
Who paid for the bike racks at NJ Transit station?
Safety – reflective vests/blinking lights –
Sale could be a fund raiser

Repair Cafe
Cathy reports that it is coming along nicely
Bill & Lorraine Graves will make this work
Cathy has post cards

Morrow church is very interested in continuing Repair Café

SOPL
Tonia passed out two flyers for SOPL and reminders to vote

November 7 is ELECTION DAY
Two questions: 2nd question is for state matching funds for library improvement/bldg.
Matching funds means matching public funds only – not matching donations

South Orange Foundation for SOPL : 12 million dollar proposal
Mplwd – is $22 mil proposal

Joint Meeting of Senior Citizen Advisory Committees between Maplewood and South Orange
Tonia will take care of this

110 Vose
Harold reported renovations are moving apace
12 new 1 bedroom apts by end 11/2017
40 people have expressed interest so far
$1600/mon rent

National Conference in NOLA Oct 29th
Harold is going and will report back to us

Cathy is making a resource guide
Montclair has one – ours will be better

7:50 pm meeting adjourned