

STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of the September 12, 2013 Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Stamford Transit District Commission was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Stamford Government Center – New Operations Conference Room – Tenth Floor.

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Jon Gallup, Kieran M. Ryan, Sybil Taccone

Absent: Robert Figueroa

Staff: Frank Fedeli, Customer Service Supervisor

Guest: Rev. Ogletree, Senior Nutrition Program of Catholic Charities;
Kathleen Bordelon, Senior Services of Stamford (2009 Summer Street);
Ana Nelson, City of Stamford-Stamford Senior Center.

Call to Order

Chairman Jon Gallup began the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Chairman Gallup made a motion to change the order of the agenda to review New Funding Requests. Kieran Ryan and Sybil Taccone both agreed.

New Business

Funding Request. Rev. Ogletree, Senior Nutrition Program of Catholic Charities, discussed their transportation funding request of \$25,000, which breaks down to Senior Neighborhood Support of \$9,000; Our Lady of Montserrat of \$7,000; and Over 60 Club \$9,000. Subsidize the cost of transportation to senior nutrition programs and Easy Access destinations. Transportation being used is through Norwalk & CT Transit, to subsidize the cost per ticket or token for income eligible riders. Those that will benefit will be seniors (age 60 and up) and disable persons. It is an ongoing event, daily on weekdays.

Funding Request. Kathleen Bordelon, Senior Services of Stamford (2009 Summer Street), discussed their transportation funding request of \$10,000. They strive to enable seniors to live more independently, they provide referrals, counseling, medical transportation and emergency financial assistance, etc. The funding will be used for Easy Access tickets for seniors (age 60 and up) who need transportation to doctor's appointments, socialization programs at various locations. It is an ongoing event and the funds would be distributed throughout the year. They provide for approximately 120 individuals.

Funding Request. Ana Nelson, City of Stamford-Stamford Senior Center, discussed their transportation funding request of \$18,000. Their funding request is to subsidize the cost of CT Transit tickets and Easy Access tickets for transportation to the Stamford Senior Center for programs and services and access to subsidized nutrition site at the Government Center. It is an ongoing event, daily on weekdays. The request awarded will allow the SSC to provide disadvantage members of CT Transit bus passes (2/day) or Norwalk Transit vouchers (2/day). Also, the Elderly Hispanic Program has been added to the SSC in 2013, and last year there was an increase in the use of public transportation by the SSC.

Kieran Ryan made a motion to go into Executive Session

Seconded by Sybil Taccone

Discussion on already allocated funds of \$76,130.00, plus other expenses. Itemized estimated of anticipated expenditures for FY 2013-2014 is \$100,000.00.

Out of Executive Session

Commissioners decided to fund the three (3) requests at 35% now and pending proper legal notification re-consider the remainder at a future date.

**Kieran Ryan made a motion to approve the Senior Nutrition Program of Catholic Charities funding request not to exceed \$9,000.00 (Rev. Ogletree will submit invoices to show the expenses for bus transportation).
Seconded by Sybil Taccone Unanimously approved**

**Kieran Ryan made a motion to approve the Senior Services of Stamford (2009 Summer Street) funding request not to exceed \$3,500.00 (Kathleen Bordelon will submit invoices to show the expenses for bus transportation).
Seconded by Sybil Taccone Unanimously approved**

**Kieran Ryan made a motion to approve the City of Stamford, Stamford Senior Center (888 Washington Blvd.) funding request not to exceed \$6,300.00 (Ana Nelson will submit invoices to show the expenses for bus transportation).
Seconded by Sybil Taccone Unanimously approved**

**Kieran Ryan made a motion to put it on the record that prior to the three motions just passed were partial funding of these requests, pending administrative paperwork and statutory requirements, we anticipate entertaining the balance of those funding request and hopeful that we will be able to do that.
Seconded by Sybil Taccone Unanimously approved**

Old Business

The minutes from the meeting held on July 25, 2013 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Annual Financial Report

No financial report.

Signal Sign/Bus Shelter Overview

No discussion.

Transact other new business as may properly come before the Transit District

Need to put in the classified legal section a "Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Amendment for the Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Stamford Transit District" on Thursday, October 10, 2013.

The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, October 10, 2013.

**Sybil Taccone made a motion to adjourn
Seconded by Kieran Ryan Unanimously approved**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
October 1, 2013

Cc: Commissioners; Michael A. Pavia, Mayor; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations;
Board of Representatives; Town Clerks Office