

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Newtown Senior Center
14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE COA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair, Anna Wiedemann & Vice Chair George Guidera called the meeting to order at
11:30am

Members present from the COA Advisory: Anna Wiedemann, George Guidera, LeReine
Frampton and Barbara Bloom

Municipal Staff: Marilyn Place and Ann LoBosco

Architects: Rusty Malik, Kevin McFarland, Phillippe Le Quellec

Numerous members of the public

Rusty Malik presented numerous slides of the proposed Senior Center (which are
attached), and was available to answer questions. Many asked questions regarding square
footage of specific rooms and offered ideas and suggestions.

1. Need for a medical emergency room – THE CONFERENCE ROOM WAS TO SERVE
THIS PURPOSE AS THIS IS AN INFREQUENT OCCURANCE.
2. Rectangular exercise room with mirror on the walls. - THE SHAPE OF THE ROOM IS
DICTATED BY OTHER FACTORS AS WELL. THE ROOM WILL HAVE MIRRORS AND
DETAILS WILL BE RESOLVED IN THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE DESIGN PROCESS.
3. Low cabinets in the exercise room along the windows. - THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED
HOWEVER VALUABLE FLOOR SPACE WILL BE LOST. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
LOW CABINETS CAN ALSO BE USED FOR SEATING. IF THIS IS A PRIORITY THEN
WE COULD DELETE THE TWO STORAGE CLOSETS IN THE ROOM.
4. Movable partitions in the Arts & Crafts. - THIS CAN PROVIDE FLEXABILITY FOR
LARGER GROUPS. HOWEVER EACH ROOM WILL HAVE A SMALLER STORAGE
ROOM VS THE SHARED STORAGE.
5. Delete the fireplace and Large lobby. - THIS IS A COMMITTEE
DECISION/RECOMMENDATION AND WILL IMPACT THE AMBIANCE OF THE
SPACE. THE COMMENT REGARDING SENIORS BURNING THEMSELVES IS NOT
VALID AS IT WILL BE DESIGNED TO MEET CODE AND SAFETY.
6. Sound isolation from the mechanical room. - YES AN ACCOUSTICAL SEPARATION
WILL BE PROVIDED
7. Good Ventilation, concerned about the odor of chlorine from the pools – YES IT WILL
MEET CURRENT CODE
8. Lockers for personal items in a coat room close to the entrance – A COAT ROOM WILL
BE PROVIDED. LOCKERS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED

9. Lower ceilings – CEILING HEIGHTS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE SPACE WILL BE DESIGNED.
10. Roof should not be multilevel – ROOFS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE BUILDING WILL BE DESIGNED.
11. Signs marking the length of the hallways – YES WE NEED TO DISCUSS FURTHER
12. Legal Occupancy – YES IT WILL BE PROVIDED
13. Microphone system - YES IT WILL BE PROVIDED
14. Staff Bathroom – THERE ARE TWO BATHROOMS CLOSE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. DEDICATED TOILETS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED
15. Larger covered drop-off closer to the front door. WE WILL LOOK AT THIS AS A DESIGN ALTERNATE
16. Increase size of the health and wellness room and reduce the office space – THIS IS A COMMITTEE DECISION

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted, Anna Wiedemann