

Orange Community Services Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – Senior Lounge

Present: Jim White, Peter Boppert, Marianne Miller, Arlene Consiglio, Deb Esposito, Kevin Hadlock, Stephen Hechtman, Pat Ziman, Aileen DeFeo

Absent/Excused: Carol Imperati

Staff: Stacey Johnson, Dennis Marsh, Jennifer Hudson

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Review of Minutes: April: Accepted (Ziman/Boppert), June: Accepted (Boppert/Ziman)

Review of Latest Financial Report: Reviewed and discussed reimbursable accounts. Discussed ODAAC Reimbursable account fluctuations with grant money incoming and outgoing.

Director's Report:

- Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program was less successful this year but will be continued next year.
- Planning and Zoning Board approved moratorium on Vape Shops. Thank you to Commission for support letter.
- Stacey has joined the Greater New Haven Transit Board. Encompass Program has reported over 1,000 rides for Orange residents from January 2025 to March 2025.
- Orange Youth Services and Prevention held Youth Services and Safety Day in conjunction with OPD on July 21st and was well attended.
- High School Survey will be conducted this school year for 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students.
- State grant will be received this and next fiscal year to be spent on Senior Center programming.

Senior Services Coordinator's Report:

- Hot Dogs and Games with Dennis went well; thank you to the Lions Club for their help with cooking and serving.
- Classes: Fitness, Yoga and Zumba continue to be successful; Drumming for Seniors has been well attended.
- Movie of the Month – “RENT” and “Thelma”.
- Art Classes including “Painting for Pleasure” and “One and Done Drawing” continue.
- Beginner Conversational Spanish Class went on a trip to Pacifico Restaurant to conclude their session.
- OPD will be doing a presentation on common scams in September.
- Health and Safety Fair will be held on September 26th.
- International Cabaret to be held on September 15th.
- Line Dancing Class will begin September 12th.

Transportation Report:

- The Center is now transporting on average, 8-9 people a day to the Senior Center to participate in activities.
- 411 rides were given in May to Orange residents.
- 2017 Dodge Caravan was obtained for the transportation program.

Youth Services and Prevention Coordinator's Report:

- A new chairperson has not been chosen for the committee yet.
- Teen Committee meetings are being held biweekly – 20-30 7th – 12th grade students
- Chantelle meeting with schools, superintendents, and other networking resources
- Youth Service & Safety Day was held in cooperation with OPD on 7/21 and was well attended.
- Funtober to be held on October 25th with the rain date of October 26th.

Adjournment: 8:01pm (DeFeo/Hechtman)

Next Meeting: October 9, 2025

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