

Present: 10 Participants

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

**Captain Tom Barcello** in response to the concerns mentioned at the last meeting about BLT and the lack of patrols in the community, relayed the concerns over to BLT since Ted Ferrarone has left. BLT advised they are looking into reassigning a representative to listen to the community concerns. Tom reached out to the Patrols Division, and he was advised that there is a limited number of Patrols, but they will pay attention the best they can.

**Sonya Van Norden-CAAWC** (Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut) announced a reminder of the computer classes being offered at the South End Center:

1. Adobe
2. Photo Shop
3. Illustrator
4. In Design

The classes are free but they request a \$50.00 deposit so participants can have some sort of buy-in. The \$50.00 deposit will be returned once the class is completed. Sonya emphasized that if these classes are taken outside on your own, it could cost \$7,000.00. The program is primarily for low-income individuals, but they will speak with moderate income individuals that are interested in enrolling in the classes. Currently an IC3 Digital Literacy Certification program is being offered and down the road they may consider a Microsoft Certification program so that people can get upskills to get back into the workforce or to get a better job. Sonya mentioned they still have some money for rental assistance and security deposits for people who are impacted by covid. They are waiting to get other money for the very vulnerable population which if they want financial assistance, they will have to be willing to participate in case management services.

**Question:** What classes are offered that would cost \$7,000?

**Answer:** Adobe is very expensive as well as Photo Shop, Illustrator and In Design. These classes prepare people for graphic arts jobs.

**Question:** Upon sign up there is a requirement for a \$50.00 deposit?

**Answer:** Yes, there is a \$50.00 deposit, but we do an intake on where people fall. The classes are not just limited to low-income individuals.

**Question:** Where are the classes held?

**Answer:** The classes are held at the South End center computer lab.

**Question:** What are the days and times of the classes?

**Answer:** There are no scheduled classes it depends on the individual and their work around schedule. The classes are no longer virtual, the size of the class is no more than 10 people at a time so the instructor can work with people individually.

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**Question:** Are textbooks provided?

**Answer:** Everything is done online.

**Question:** Are computers provided in the classrooms?

**Answer:** Desktops and Chrome Books from Charter Communications are used in the lab. Adobe can't be done on chrome books but for other certification's they use the chrome books.

**Captain Barcello** advised that the Turkey Trot is scheduled for November.

**Question:** They are redoing the street on Woodland, any word on what's going to happen on Atlantic?

**Answer:** They are apparently working on the gas lines. Hopefully in the future they will resurface the streets.

**Brian Flannagan of Heyman Properties** gave a presentation of the Canal Street, Dock Street & Market Street project:

- There will be added streetscape and outdoor seating.
- Retail Space will be double heights.
- Parking for the restaurant and retail will be in the back.
- Planting 100 trees along Canal Street & John Street
- Create potential retail space for everybody on Canal Street, Dock Street and John Street
- The Goal is to open the Summer of 2024

**Question:** Elise Coleman asked would any of the square footage of open space be used as a dog park?

**Answer:** Don't have a dog park but are looking at other locations. There will be a pet grooming room in the building.

**Question:** How many units will be in the building?

**Answer:** 395 Units (studios-3 bedrooms plus)

**Question:** Will there be affordable units?

**Answer:** 10% BMR below 50% AMI will be onsite in the building. A plan has been submitted to the city and they are waiting for feedback. The BMR for the studios and the 3-bedrooms will range from \$1200.00- \$1800.00.

**Question:** How much retail will be in the building?

**Answer:** 7000 sq feet divided into 2-3 retailers

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm