

Minutes of the Ridgefield Commission on Aging (CoA) Meeting

March 17, 2025, at 2:30pm

Large Conference Room, Town Hall

Commissioner Ternullo called the meeting to order at 2:37pm. The meeting was moved into the large conference room to ensure sufficient seating for all present. Commissioners Beebe, Martin, Nolan, Ternullo, Tewes, and Yaffa and Intern Vohra were present. Commissioner Culhane was excused because of illness. Commissioner Crook was not present. Tony Phillips, Director of Social Services, and Karen Gaudian, Municipal Agent for the Elderly, were present.

As the first order of business, Mr. Ternullo invited the public to comment.

As the second order of business, Ms. Yaffa made a motion, that Ms. Martin seconded, to approve the 2/24/25 CoA minutes. Mr. Ternullo invited a discussion. There being none, a vote was taken. The motion was approved unanimously.

As to the third order of business, Mr. Tewes provided an Expo progress report. Interactive discussion ensued on Expo social media promotion, signage, banners, sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, prizes, print program, food, parking, and transportation.

As to the fourth Order of Business:

- Ternullo reported that all Commendations were distributed, and recipients were grateful.
- Ternullo reminded all that this is Ms. Beebe and his last meeting as their CoA terms expire on 4/1/2025.
- Ms. Gaudian reported that the CoA had \$250 in unexpended budget funds, \$3,418 in unexpended grant funds and \$33,900 in Expo funds. It was noted that we had reconciled our records with the Tax Collector and Friends of Ridgefield, Inc. Treasurer last week and that our records indicate \$47,700 in Expo Funds. It is assumed that the difference is accounted for in Expo funds that had been directed to the Friends of Ridgefield 501 © (3).
- Ternullo offered to monitor the CoA president and CoA general email inboxes through 4/26, the day of the Expo. All agreed that it would be beneficial to do this.
- Ternullo reported that he met with the Senior Tax Committee, advocating tax relief for Ridgefield seniors and delivered a letter to the Committee, which was shared with the CoA.
- Ternullo noted that there are seven individuals who have expressed interest in CoA involvement.

As to the fifth Order of Business,

- Ternullo moved that Ms. Yaffa and Ms. Nolan be appointed CoA Co-Chairs, effective 3/31/2025. Mr. Tewes seconded. A brief discussion followed. When the discussion concluded, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Phillips presented Ternullo with a Town of Ridgefield proclamation honoring his CoA service.

There being no further business before the CoA, the meeting ended at 3:45 pm

The above is a true and accurate summary of the CoA 3/17/2025 meeting.

Joseph Ternullo,
Acting Secretary