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April 30, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON SENIOR SERVICES

The Committee on Senior Services met on April 30, 2007, at the senior building at 240 Pearl Street, with Chairman William White, presiding and Committee Members Alderman Dennis Sullivan and William Roche also present and voting. Also present were Cindy Hickey from the Council on Aging, Officer Stiles from the SPD and several interested members of the public.

Ms. Hickey addressed the group regarding programs and services available to all seniors in the city and mentioned some upcoming events, such as the Memorial Day parade, the July 4th fireworks and the annual Senior Picnic. This year, the Sunsetters will be performing at the elderly buildings and trips are being planned to Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun and the tall ships. On September 5th, there will be a trip to Lake Winnepesaukee at a cost of \$200.

Some of the seniors present complained about a dead tree in front of the Pearl Street elderly building and about the garbage and filth behind the building, on the hill. Others made the members aware of the large sidewalk lips at the handicap cuts on Sewall Street, off Broadway, and on Marshall Street. Alderman Roche told the seniors that during the summer season, there is the potential for high school workers to be assigned to the senior buildings and they could walk the area to locate problems. Residents also questioned whether the curb could be painted yellow to designate "no parking." Alderman Roche contacted the DPW and Traffic and Parking about the possibility and was informed that the City no longer paints yellow markings and that it may violate a state regulation.

Another problem mentioned was the parking around the building and Officer Stiles said that he would speak to Sgt. Rooney about this and check to see if this area is a tow zone. Officer Stiles also addressed the graffiti tagging that is taking place around the city and stated that it is now a felony and that the city has officers working on the problem. Responding to complaints about illegal turns at the gas station on McGrath Highway, Officer Stiles said that he would report the problem to traffic enforcement.

No papers were acted on.

Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Senior Services

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