

**CITY OF WIXOM
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

Chairman Korleski called this meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

COMMISSION: Jean Korleski (Chairman), Richard Pype, Anna Contreras, Shirley Pfeiffer, Connie Salvati and Larry -Grant

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Deanna Magee (Community Services Director), Katherine Martin (Senior Coordinator) and Stacey Banks (Administrative Assistant to City Manager, Clarence Goodlein)

PUBLIC: Nancy Beck, Fred Lobby, Del Goodlein and Celia Boyea

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

A quorum of the Senior Citizen Commission was present for this meeting.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 22, 2016 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Pype and Contreras to approve the March 22, 2016 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments made by the public.

TABLED MOTIONS:

There were no tabled motions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. NHS Volunteer Program

Commissioner Grant has been in contact with Christa at Walled Lake Schools. She told him that the volunteer students would call in to be matched to a volunteer assignment while he was previously under the belief that the Senior Commission would have a list of the student volunteers by name. He will attempt to arrange a face-to-face meeting with Christa in order to better understand what level of support the student volunteers can provide. He does not believe Sienna Heights will yield volunteers as it is an all girls' school. The NHS Volunteer project has not panned out as planned. However, he will attempt to secure a commitment for September of 2016. Chairperson Korleski asked about The Honor Society which might require volunteer hours. Commissioner Grant noted that this is true; however, the students are fulfilling their hours in other ways. Chairperson Korleski noted that the Commission will revisit this topic during its regular July, 2016 meeting.

2. Desert Angel Program

Chairperson Korleski noted there is a packing party scheduled for Desert Angel today immediately following the Senior Commission meeting and Louise from Desert Angel will be attending. She proposes using Senior Commission funds from raffle proceeds to purchase 2-3 pizzas for the packing party participants.

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Contreras and Pfeffer to approve the use of Senior Commission funds to purchase 2-3 Jets pizzas for the participants of the May 10, 2016 Desert Angel volunteer packing party.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Coloring Contest and Lunch

Ms. Magee noted that Ms. Martin suggested holding a coloring contest for the seniors using the popular adult coloring books from 10-11 a.m. to be followed by lunch and prizes. Ms. Martin noted that the prizes could be funded by the Senior Fund. The colored drawings can be displayed on a bulletin board and voted upon by the seniors. Chairperson Korleski suggested soliciting gift cards from local businesses like the Wixom

Station for the prizes. Ms. Magee asked whether it is the goal to have the pictures here as part of a social event or to have them colored elsewhere and simply brought in. Commissioner Pye said if there is a lunch included, they should be colored onsite at the Senior Center. Chairperson Korleski inquired about a potential date for this activity. Ms. Magee suggested a Thursday in June. Chairperson suggested a Tuesday when chair volleyball is not being held, potentially June 7th or June 23rd. Ms. Martin suggested holding it on a Friday if someone is willing to coordinate the lunch on her behalf or even integrating the coloring contest into the senior picnic as an added activity. Chairperson Korleski and Commissioner Pye thought this might be too much. It was decided to hold the coloring contest on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 11 a.m. followed by lunch.

2. Nancy Beck's Donated Picture for the Senior Center

Ms. Nancy Beck painted a beautiful watercolor picture. Ms. Magee suggested developing a policy around display of such works including the length of time items will be displayed and whether it would then be returned to the donor. Chairperson Korleski suggested displaying it for the summer and then perhaps auctioning it if Ms. Beck is amenable to that. Ms. Beck inquired where her painting will be prior to the auction. Chairperson Korleski said that it will be displayed for a period of 6 months. Ms. Beck said that she agrees to this. Commissioner Salvati suggested having a minimum bid for any auction.

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Grant and Pfeffer to display items donated to the Senior Center for a period of 6 months. If there are new items donated for display, the items should be rotated. If there are no new items replacing the items on display, the items currently being displayed will be sold via silent auction with a minimum bid with the monies going into the Senior Center fund.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

3. Chair Volleyball

Chairperson Korleski noted that chair volleyball is held the 2nd and 4th weeks of each month with this being the first official month of this activity. She was informed that chair volleyball conflicts schedule wise

with the Senior Commission meetings. Commissioner Salvati suggested moving the time that chair volleyball starts from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. as long as the room where it is held is available.

4. Senior Center Friday Attendance Numbers

Ms. Magee noted that the numbers are contained in the report attached to the Commissioners' meeting packet. The staff person who is present attempts to keep track of the length of time that participants are present on Fridays. It appears that there are consistently 8-12 people here for more than half an hour. Chairperson Korleski has seen at least two tables of people playing cards and games even in the absence of organized events. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the Tigers' baseball opening day was April 8th and they had more than 12 seniors present in the lounge. Ms. Magee said that the Friday hours for the Senior Center will continue throughout the end of June at which point City Council will determine its future. If City Council chooses to fund the program for next year, the cost to open the building on Fridays for a year is \$10,060. Ms. Martin noted that there are an average of 14 seniors participating on Fridays. Ms. Magee noted that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are good days for setting up events. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that there were 19 seniors present for last Friday's taco party and Commissioner Grant noted that there should be 20-21 seniors taking part in this Friday's euchre tournament.

5. Election of Officers

Chairperson Korleski noted that the term begins in July with a term of 2 years. Since the last election was held in 2014, the next round of elections are due now. Ms. Magee checked the bylaws and the elections are normally held in July; however, the Commissioners can hold the election today with the new officer appointments becoming effective in July, 2016. Chairperson Korleski asked the Commissioners whether everyone is willing to remain in their current roles. Commissioner Pype does not wish to continue being the Secretary.

Commissioner Pfeffer asked whether since there is a Recording Secretary whether the Senior Commission needs to nominate a Commissioner as Secretary.

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Pfeffer and Contreras to nominate Jean Korleski as Chairman of the Senior Commission, for a 2-year term effective beginning July, 2016.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Pype and Salvati to nominate Anna Contreras as Vice Chairman of the Senior Commission, for a 2-year term effective beginning July, 2016.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION and seconded by Chairperson Korleski and Pype to nominate Connie Salvati as Chairman of the Senior Commission, for a 2-year term effective beginning July, 2016.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

6. Junk in the Trunk Sale (June 9th – Day of City Garage Sale)

Chairperson Korleski suggested it be done in conjunction with the Wixom Garage Sale on June 9-11, 2016. She noted that last year it was held in combination with the City's concert which did not go as well as planned. It would be helpful to have more publicity. Last year, the seniors went across the street trying to lure people over from the farmer's market. Chairperson Korleski asked whether there is any interest on behalf of the Commissioners in having a Junk in the Trunk sale this year. Commissioners Grant and Pfeffer stated that they like the idea but will not participate personally.

Ms. Martin solicited volunteers for marketing and set-up. It was agreed to schedule it on June 9th starting in the early afternoon and into the evening hours when people start arriving for the concert, maybe from 2-6 p.m. Ms. Magee pointed out that the City is not doing the farmer's market this year as it was not successful and was difficult to retain farmers for the market due to the demand for farmers for other local established markets. She suggested holding the Junk in the Trunk event earlier in the day, perhaps close to 9 a.m. Commissioner

Pfeffer suggested holding it on the opposite side of the street where the farmer's market was located. It could be most beneficial if done in front of the Senior Center with balloons since there will not be an attraction across the street. Ms. Martin suggested backing the cars in so that it will be visible to traffic coming down Pontiac Trail and you may also get some foot traffic. Chairperson Korleski noted there is a hill there. Ms. Magee proposed using the other side where people can see the back of the cars. Ms. Martin solicited volunteers to help with setting up tables which she will provide for this event. Ms. Magee noted that the volunteers could also bring their own tables. She suggested Ms. Martin start a volunteer sign-up sheet to be placed in the Senior lounge.

Chairperson Korleski inquired whether there will be a participation fee for the Junk in the Trunk sale. Ms. Martin believes that a \$3 fee per participant is fair. This helps to promote investment in the activity. She noted that there are 23 slots which will be assigned first-come, first-serve. Chairperson Korleski said that the hours of the sale will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Commissioner Pfeffer asked whether this event will be advertised in *The Spinal Column* or *The Press*. Ms. Magee noted that that is expensive. Chairperson Korleski said that the City can promote this through its traditional publicity channels.

7. Friday Events

Chairperson Korleski announced that the euchre tournament will be held this Friday. She asked whether there are any other upcoming events. She noted that sometimes the City rents the seniors' space on Fridays and asked if they can be notified of this in advance. Ms. Magee said that as soon she learns about a rental, she will forward this information to the Senior Commissioners. Commissioner Pfeffer asked whether the ballroom is set up and that is why they cannot get in there for euchre. Ms. Magee said that is correct. Chairperson Korleski noted that euchre will be held in Room B across from the City fountain. Commissioner Grant asked whether there will be any organized pinochle games. Chairperson Korleski said this is a good idea.

Commissioner Grant offered to chair this and suggested June 3, 2016 as a potential date. Commissioner Pfeffer offered to help Commissioner Grant with this.

Commissioner Pfeffer inquired about Room B to be used for the euchre tournament. Chairperson Korleski said that it is the room behind the Council chambers and the access is through the Police Department entrance. Commissioner Pfeffer asked whether they had checked on food for the tournament. Chairperson Korleski said that she had sent a note but that the participants may have to bring their own food. Commissioner Pfeffer asked how communication can be arranged with those who have signed up for the euchre event. Chairperson Korleski suggested perhaps via email; however, Ms. Martin said that she is not comfortable sharing people's email addresses. The event will start at 10:30 a.m. and Chairperson Korleski will arrive at 10 a.m. to help set up.

Chairperson Korleski asked whether there were any recommendations for other activities to be held on Fridays in June. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the Mayor will be coming on Friday, May 20th at 11 a.m. to be preceded by a euchre tournament. Ms. Magee noted that the Commissioners can email suggestions regarding Friday activities to one another. Commissioner Grant also noted that they can have a Committee meeting amongst themselves. Commissioner Pfeffer suggested advertising the pinochle game on the bulletin board and announcing it at Friday's euchre tournament. Commissioner Salvati suggested revising the calendar to include the Friday activities. Ms. Martin said that this has been done.

Commissioner Pfeffer wants to know what happens to the leftover food from the Senior events. She noted there was leftover pizza, chicken and salad from Movie and Pizza night. Ms. Magee said that it goes to the Police Department. Commissioner Pype said that it is dangerous to take home food from an event due to food safety and handling issues. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that it could be refrigerated for the Seniors' benefit for the following day.

Commissioner Pype noted that it is not the goal of the Senior Commission to feed the seniors. He thinks it is good that it is being donated to the Police Department.

INFORMATION:

1. Monthly Report

Ms. Magee noted that the Monthly Report is included in the Commissioners' meeting packet. Ms. Martin noted that since the ice cream social was just scheduled yesterday it was not included in the monthly report but flyers were put out and an eblast to the members of the event was sent. Commissioner Grant noted that if Seniors want to know what the Senior Center is doing beyond the numbers contained in the Monthly Report, Ms. Martin has an entire portfolio of pictures of the Senior events. Ms. Magee noted that they held a Mother's Day tea and the pictures from that event were put on the City's website. Ms. Martin noted that 20 people attended this event. She is more interested in the quality of the experience rather than the number of people who attended.

2. Wixom Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement (4/1/16)

Commissioner Grant noted that the Statement contains line items going back in time including the raffles. The St. Patrick's Day event would have been the most recent. There have been no expenses since March, 2016. The current balance is \$878.30. Obviously, today's expenses for the pizzas for the Desert Angel packing party will be deducted from this amount.

3. Senior Center Coordinator Report

Ms. Martin noted that this report is contained in the Commissioners' meeting packet for their review. She is happy to answer any questions they have. Commissioner Grant asked how much participation they have had for the swimming program. Ms. Martin noted that she does not know since that is handled directly with The Holiday Inn.

4. Senior Center Daily Attendance Report

Ms. Magee referred the Commissioners to the report contained in their meeting packets.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

There were no comments made by the Commissioners.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. Banks asked whether the auction is open to just the seniors or the public at large. She noted that she will advertise the Junk in the Trunk event and confirmed that the hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The City is now Twitter feeding from its Facebook page. Facebook has a utility which shows how many people are seeing posts. She would love to have photos of people who are on Facebook. In that way, things can really spread. The City has 750 followers on Facebook. On a good day, the City will reach 100 people.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Fred Lobby said that he is a Novi resident and just became a member of the Senior Center. He asked who is in charge of the bike trails. Chairperson Korleski said that the City has plans to complete the Michigan Airline Trailway. There are three communities involved in this: Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom who have to all agree on the surface. Ms. Magee noted that the 5.45 miles still needs to be officially purchased and is being done through an acquisition grant from the MNRD and MDOT. In 2017, the Trailway Council will apply for a development grant which includes the surfacing of the trailway. Currently, it is projected to be a stone base with perhaps an eventual paving. The estimated costs for the development of the trail is \$1.3 million which would include the stone base and necessary boardwalks, and safety crossings.. The intent is to have 2-3 trailway heads and has preliminary plans available for anyone who is interested in seeing them. The City just hired a trailhead director who will be setting up an informational website to follow shortly. Chairperson Korleski that the trail crosses over to the south side between the Drafting Table and then down the sidewalk past Lyon Oaks Park by Old Plank Road. It is complete all the way to South Lyon and even Kensington Metropark.

Mr. Lobby asked about what is happening with Gunnar Mettala Park. Chairperson Korleski said that housing is being discussed. Ms. Banks noted that there was a proposal and that a lot of the things that people were angry about were not part of the proposal. They have not heard from the individual who made the initial proposal.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher
Recording Secretary