

**CITY OF WIXOM
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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), Anna Contreras, Shirley Pfeffer and Larry Grant

ABSENT: Deanna Magee (Excused) and Connie Salvati (Excused)

STAFF: Tracy McMahan (Senior Coordinator), Cindy Mack (Library Director), Charles Yon (Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety) and Stacey Banks (Administrative Assistant to City Manager, Clarence Goodlein)

PUBLIC: Nancy Olah, Ken Michlewicz, Del Goodlein and Suzie Bogrow

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 MAY 10, 2016 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Grant and Pfeffer to approve the May 10, 2016 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes, **as amended.**

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Cindy Mack, Library Director, Wixom Public Library. Ms. Mack distributed a postcard to the Commissioners regarding the library's upcoming August 2, 2016 millage renewal vote. This is a 10-year renewal of an expiring operating millage. The library has been operating on the existing millage since 2007. The new millage being requested represents no increase in taxes. A full 88 percent of the

library's funding will come from this millage and the library receives no funding directly from the City. The millage monies will be utilized for library services only and no other City services. That includes things like library maintenance, programs, wireless access, public computers, printers, all library resources and staffing which helps to connect libraries with resources. The millage being requested will sustain the library's resources at the current rate. She will be hosting a coffee and conversation with the public here at the library in the near future.

Chairman Korleski said that in light of recent events, the Wixom seniors created a poster board for the City's police officers noting their appreciation for all that the police do for the community. Chief of Police Yon noted that the last week has been a dark one for police officers and that two retired police officers who were serving as bailiffs were killed yesterday in Berrien County at the Courthouse. The police greatly appreciate the public's show of support including Facebook messages, food donations, etc. He will place this poster in the duty room for all officers to see.

TABLED MOTIONS:

There were no tabled motions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. NHS Volunteer Program

Commissioner Grant will speak with Christa and the students when they reconvene in the fall for the new school year. He believes his request for assistance will have more impact when made directly in person.

2. Desert Angels – Jean Korleski's Report

Chairman Korleski noted that the Desert Angels packing party was very successful. She thanked those who participated. They packed 62 boxes and enclosed a personalized note in honor of her husband who was a veteran. Enough money was collected to pay for the \$366 postage, some of which came from a charitable trust which she administers.

Chairman Korleski is thrilled that Tracy McMahan has returned as Senior Coordinator. The Senior Center was able to secure last minute tickets to the

State Fair. They now have 50 tickets which have all been spoken for. Parking is \$5 per car. Chairman Korleski asked for the Commissioners' input as to whether it would be worthwhile to charter a bus or carpool. Commissioners Contreras and Pfeffer felt that carpooling is the better option. Chairman Korleski noted that those who have reserved fair tickets can pick them up from Ms. McMahan.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Welcome Back Tracy McMahan as Senior Coordinator

Ms. McMahan said she is happy to be back and she is looking forward to getting the programs going and building on that.

2. Friday Event Ideas

Chairman Korleski noted that the seniors have hosted euchre and pinochle tournaments on Fridays. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that nothing was held on the 4th of July although they did hold games for Cinco de Mayo and Memorial Day and the Mayor hosted an ice cream social. Chairman Korleski solicited ideas for other activities to be held on Fridays and said that the Commission is open to hearing suggestions for that. Commissioner Pfeffer said that one senior suggested having a salad day or some kind of celebration involving ice cream; i.e., Black Cow/floats or sundaes.

Chairman Korleski noted that there was a senior event held on June 21, 2016 in the Community Center. If participants called the Novi Lakes Association, they were not charged and the event was free. However, for those who came through the Wixom Senior Center, they were charged \$10. This event was supposed to be free for Wixom residents. In the future, if an organization says they are doing an event for free, the City cannot charge for it.

Chairman Korleski noted that there are a couple bands which could be used as entertainment at some of the Senior events. One is 50 Amp Fuse and another is a group from the Plymouth Art Fair which does smooth jazz. Commissioner Grant saw a father/daughter musical act in Franklin which he thinks is very good. Chairman Korleski said that she will get a business card from them when she attends the Franklin Art Fair.

INFORMATION:

1. Monthly Information Report

Chairman Korleski referred to the monthly report contained in the Commissioners' meeting packet which is self-explanatory.

2. Wixom Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement (6/1/16)

Commissioner Grant noted there is a balance of \$582. The last expense was pizza for the Desert Angels packing party and there have been no changes since June 1, 2016. Chairman Korleski asked about receipts for the 50/50 raffle. Commissioner Contreras noted that participants complained about the allocation. Chairman Korleski noted that 50 percent goes into the Senior Commission's account and the other half goes to the raffle winner(s). Chairman Korleski believes that she gave the \$30-\$40 raffle winnings to Shannon and will touch base with Shannon to ensure that the monies went into the Senior's account and not to the City.

3. Senior Center Daily Attendance Report

Chairman Korleski noted that this was already covered by Commissioner Pfeffer's comments.

Chairman Korleski noted that a couple of individuals judged the seniors' colored drawings for the contest following the picnic and the winners were announced. Commissioner Contreras noted that Ms. Magee apologized since she thought there were 20 entrants; however, there were only 5. Initially, it was thought that the prize money would be split three ways. However, with so few participants, the prize money was awarded to one individual. Commissioner Contreras noted that for future coloring contests the coloring needs to be done on premises as part of a scheduled event.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Suzie Bogrow said that she has spoken to City Manager Goodlein about hosting a potluck for the City police sometime in August. The food could be delivered in disposable containers and left in the backroom. Chief of Police Yon said that the

officers could join the seniors in the City's public room where the City Council meetings are held. It was agreed this event will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ms. Banks will check with Ms. Buck to ensure that the public meeting room is available on that date.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Pfeffer has corrections to the Senior Program Attendance document which was incorporated into today's meeting packet. She has been tracking attendance on Fridays and feels that there are errors in this document which require correction. There is an entire week missing for May, 2016. The attendance for May 6, 2016 should be 19. The attendance totals for May 13, 2016, June 10th and June 17, 2016 are all accurate. However, 21 people attended on June 3, 2016. On June 24, 2016, it has an attendance figure of 5. They have never had just 5 people and there were 14 people present that day. It was confirmed that there will not be Friday hours on July 15, 2016 due to the facilities being rented that day. Chairman Korleski noted that emphasis is being placed on the attendance figures since that will determine the future of Friday hours at the Senior Center. There was a total of 98 attendees on Fridays in May and 63 in June.

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the roster of Senior Commissioners included in today's meeting packet has 5-year terms when in fact they should be 3-year terms.

Commissioner Grant asked Ms. Mack whether she has heard any updates about the plant exchange to be held in conjunction with the library. Ms. Mack said that got lost but she will send Carla an email.

Commissioner Grant noted that the roster of Senior Commissioners included in today's meeting packet has an incorrect expiration date for his term of service. His current term expires June 30, 2019 and that should be corrected.

Commissioner Pfeffer asked Ms. McMahan whether there will be crafts again. Ms. McMahan said that she hopes so. She needs to find the contact information for Erica who handles the crafts.

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that they are still soliciting ideas for Friday activities. Chairman Korleski suggested scheduling another euchre or pinochle game this summer. She noted that she and Lorraine organized the last euchre tournament. Commissioner Pfeffer said that she and Commissioner Grant organized the last pinochle tournament. Commissioner Grant suggested a euchre game on August 5, 2016 at 10 a.m. with a lunch break from 11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that euchre is easier than pinochle to host and score. Commissioner Grant will need someone to make sure that the room is available and will have to work on snacks.

Commissioner Pfeffer would like to do a Christmas in July type of event but sometime in August. Instead of giving canned goods, she is thinking of a fundraiser to purchase elementary school supplies for children. It would be an event to which the participants would bring donated items. She can create a list of necessary items and her daughter would be willing to donate some prizes. This could elicit publicity and raise awareness about the City's Senior program. Commissioner Grant suggested getting a list of items required by Wixom Elementary and Loon Lake Elementary. Ms. McMahan said that people can bring in donated items anytime during the month of August with a final party at the end of August. She will include a list of items needed in the Senior newsletter. Commissioner Grant asked whether the donated items would be dispensed to individual children or to the schools directly. Ms. Bogrow noted that her subdivision is served by Walled Lake Elementary School which is considered low income. Chief of Police Yon suggested that these items go directly to the school classrooms.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. Banks requested that the seniors consider sharing photos of their events with her so that they can be posted on social media.

Ms. Banks is glad to hear that the Friday hours are working out so well for the seniors. Commissioner Pfeffer creates sign-up sheets for each Friday which she then forwards to the Mayor and City Manager Goodlein. Ms. Banks noted that the Friday senior hours must be budgeted for including staffing costs.

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Ms. McMahan is currently working on the Senior newsletter which is almost done. She is awaiting approval and a final review but hopes to email it out by tomorrow. The newsletter will cover July through September, 2016. Of course, there will always be additions as she brings herself back up to speed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher

Recording Secretary