

**CITY OF WIXOM
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017**

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, Connie Salvati, Joan Roberts and Larry Grant

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC: None

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 JANUARY 3, 2017 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Salvati and Pfeffer to approve the January 3, 2017 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you letter from Michigan Veterans Foundation for donation

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Public Safety Director and Police Chief Yon noted that it has been six months since the seniors hosted the potluck lunch for the police. He noted that at the time the media was against them and there was no support from the White

House although things have gotten better this year. He wanted to thank the seniors again for the luncheon and for the handwritten sign support. The Police Department just hired its 20th police officer which will bring the Department back to full staffing. Commissioner Grant confirmed that the police will be participating with the Fire Department's open house to be held in October. Perhaps, the Police Department will eventually have their own Open House. There will be a team outing/fundraiser involving both the police and fire departments on June 16, 2017. Two officers teach this program to fifth grade elementary students. Classes include topics such as life consequences, bowling bullying, and Internet safety.

TABLED MOTIONS:

There were no tabled motions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Memorandum: Follow-up to handicap parking questions

Ms. McMahan has spoken to various people in the City since the last Senior Commission meeting and has learned that they are well within compliance of the requirements. There are more handicap spots than are required since there are 8 usable spaces at the community center/library (and 2 extra spaces) when only 5 are required for both buildings. It does not appear to be necessary to add more handicap parking spaces at this time. Since there are room rentals and/or weddings at times when the seniors are not present at the Senior Center, if the spots are designated as handicap, they cannot be used by non-handicap individuals. She asked seniors to consider walking from the first available parking row if they are able in order to save the handicap spots for those that require them. Commissioner Contreras noted that they lost two parking spaces. Ms. McMahan said that it was only one, one of which was handicap and one which was not. She noted that those spots are used all day long. Commissioner Contreras noted that the other two handicap spots should be moved since the seniors cannot go through the side door which makes the spaces further away. Ms. McMahan said that those handicap parking spots need to stay there since they were part of a grant and they need to remain where they are. Chairman Korleski likes the 15-minute parking spot. Commissioner Grant confirmed with Ms. McMahan that people

are observing the 15-minute parking limit. Ms. Banks noted that City Council passed a resolution stating that the 15-minute limit will be enforced.

2. White Elephant

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that this topic was originally proposed to be scheduled in May. Ms. McMahan asked whether it is planned for a Friday. Chairman Korleski suggested Ms. McMahan add it to the calendar. Ms. McMahan noted that she has already planned the event calendar for May (per their request) and has the white elephant event tentatively scheduled for May 25, 2017. Commissioner Pfeffer suggested it would be better to hold it in June since they can advertise it. Commissioner Roberts asked why it could not still be held in May since there is still time to promote it. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that she would like to do a Cinco de Mayo event on Friday, May 5th. Euchre is scheduled for May 12th and there will be another tournament on April 28th. She noted that if the white elephant event is done on Friday, it puts them into Memorial Day weekend. Chairman Korleski suggested moving it to June 1st. Ms. McMahan stated that the first Thursday of the month is movie & pizza day so June 1 will not work. She noted the senior picnic is already scheduled for June 8th at 12 p.m. to include lunch and entertainment. Commissioner Salvati suggested incorporating the White Elephant into the senior picnic since the picnic will already be drawing seniors. Ms. McMahan suggested doing a Chinese auction instead of a White Elephant since she already has musical entertainment and the White Elephant typically takes up the entire event. Chairman Korleski suggested doing the White Elephant event either in the late summer or early fall.

3. Volunteers for Euchre and Pinochle Tournaments

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that she and Commissioner Grant are hosting the euchre and pinochle tournaments. She would like some help in doing this from the other members of the Senior Commission. She noted that Commissioner Salvati handled February's pinochle

game. Chairman Korleski said that she will help on May 12th. Commissioner Roberts also offered to help. Commissioner Grant noted that he starts set-up at 9:45 a.m.

4. Chinese Auctions

Commissioner Pfeffer asked whether the Senior Commissioners can create a card that they can hand out to area businesses telling the businesses who they are when they are seeking to secure donations from them for the Chinese auction. Ms. McMahan said that she can put together a letter. It was also noted that donations of nice, new items for the auction can be accepted from individuals as well. Chairman Korleski noted that the Commissioners need to coordinate amongst themselves so they are not simultaneously soliciting donations from the same businesses. Ms. McMahan said that this can be further discussed at the next Senior Commission meeting on May 9, 2017.

5. Monopoly Money Game

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that at one recent event the participants were given \$200 in Monopoly play money. They were then able to bid on a number of things on a table with this play money. She proposed doing a similar event where she would provide registered participants with play money. The event would take place on a Friday. She requested \$20 from the Senior fund in order to purchase items for prizes. Commissioner Contreras noted that if the gentleman who typically runs these events attends, he will provide everything. Commissioner Grant noted that when there are tournaments, there are usually 12 seniors. However, on off weeks there is almost no one. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that she is trying to get seniors in to the Senior Center. Commissioner Grant would like to see this scheduled on another day. Ms. McMahan noted that there were 25 seniors signed up the day that the gentleman cancelled. She will try to reschedule this event.

6. Greeting Cards for Senior Events

Commissioner Pfeffer said that she will take care of sending out the greeting cards to the seniors for various events; i.e., sympathy, illness, etc. Chairman Korleski suggested that Commissioner Pfeffer purchase the cards at the dollar store for 50 cents each. Commissioner Grant suggested that Commissioner Pfeffer solicit card donations from seniors in the exercise class and that if she finds she is running low on cards, the Commissioners can look into authorizing purchase of more cards. Chairman Korleski noted that she will take care of it if anything is required.

7. Facebook page for the Senior Center

Commissioner Pfeffer asked the Commissioners if they would support starting a Facebook page for the Wixom Senior Center. Ms. Banks noted that there is a City-wide social media directive under development which will have the usual organizational rules as well as an appointed page administrator. Ms. McMahan suggested doing a closed Facebook group for the Wixom seniors as opposed to a Facebook page. She can serve as the group administrator. That way, the senior events can be advertised on the City's Facebook page but other things can be shared in the closed group.

8. Tiger Opening Day

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the Tigers' opening day is scheduled for Friday, April 7th. She spoke with Brian, the individual who donated the hot dogs and buns for last year's Opening Day party. Brian is willing to do this again for this year for seniors who want to watch the game on the TV at the Senior Center. Seniors can bring side dishes, potato chips, popcorn, etc. Ms. McMahan said that she will calendar this event and provide a sign-up sheet for the food.

Ms. McMahan announced that there will be no senior programs on Friday, March 31st since Josh is unavailable and the wine tasting and the Holocaust exhibit will be taking place. She will let all the seniors know about the closure.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Coordinator Report--Receive and File

Ms. McMahan noted that the report is pretty self-explanatory. This is the report that she produces monthly which goes to the City Manager and then on to City Council. She has consolidated the formatting recently.

2. Senior Member Passing

Ms. McMahan announced that one of the seniors, Ann Soper, recently passed away. She was a long-time member and used to come to the exercise class. Chairman Korleski will take the plaque for Ms. Soper to the engraver but suggested holding the names to have the plaques done on a quarterly basis. The Commissioners agreed.

INFORMATION:

1. Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement

Commissioner Grant noted that the 50/50 raffles continue to add monies to the Senior Commission's account balance. The largest sources of revenue were the white elephant drawing and the cookie walk. There was a wide variety of cookies and candy. He noted that income exceeded expenses and they were able to purchase the mahjong pushers as well as the exercise equipment which was purchased 2 years ago. They were also able to offer Valentine's Day party ticket discount of \$2 per senior member. Ms. McMahan noted that she offered a \$2 off incentive for the St. Patrick's party to encourage people to sign up early. The Commission may want to consider this again for future events. Commissioner Grant confirmed with Ms. McMahan that the \$2 per ticket will not come out of the Senior's fund for the St. Patrick's Day party.

Commissioner Grant noted that the current balance of the Senior Activity Fund is \$1,100 and that the Commissioners can consider things to do now. Commissioner Contreras noted that Milford offers potlucks and bingo where they buy \$1 scratch off lottery tickets to give to the attendees. She does not believe that they spend more than \$10 for this for each event. Commissioner Grant noted that they are doing a potluck and bingo on the third Thursday of each month. He would like to get some feedback from the seniors attending these bingo/potlucks and suggested that the Commissioners attempt to secure that feedback directly.

Commissioner Pfeffer asked whether the Senior Center will be open on Good Friday, April 14th. Ms. McMahan said that it will not.

Chairman Korleski thinks that it would be nice to offer pizza to the seniors who attend the Desert Angels packing party.

Commissioner Roberts asked who pays for the pizza for the movie days. Ms. McMahan said that it comes out of the senior operating budget. However, she has found someone to sponsor that. It is called First and Main, Assisted Living and Memory Care, a brand new facility in Commerce Township. They recently came in, brought lunch and talked to the seniors.

Chairman Korleski asked about upcoming movie selections. Ms. McMahan does not have them picked out yet but solicited the input of the Commissioners. She noted that they start at 11:30 a.m. with the movies starting at 12:00-12:15 p.m.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Roberts mentioned that there is a 5K and 10K walk/run coming up on May 6, 2017. She solicited help from the seniors in manning the posts, handing out water or just cheering on walkers and runners. Proceeds will support the Fire Fighters' Foundation. Commissioner Grant noted that the entry fee for the 5K is \$30 which includes a T-shirt. Ms. Banks noted that the start and finish lines will be in Sibley Park. It is a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) event. There will be live music. Ms. Barker is heading up this event. A lot of the area restaurants will be open for breakfast. Trivium Racing is coordinating the

participant sign-up, etc. Since this event will take place on the same day as the Kentucky Derby, there will also be a best hat contest for both people and pets.

Commissioner Roberts asked when City Manager Goodlein is leaving. Ms. Banks said that date has not been determined. Commissioner Roberts noted that Ms. Goodlein handled the seniors' raffle.

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that she will be undergoing outpatient back surgery tomorrow and will be out for two weeks, returning the first week in April.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. McMahan noted that this month's senior charity is the Fire Department so that the 50/50 raffle proceeds will go to the Fire Department. She will pick a day to do a potluck for the firefighters sometime in April, 2017. They will come to the Senior Center for that. Ms. Banks noted that the firefighters conduct training every Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher
Recording Secretary