

**CITY OF WIXOM
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

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

COMMISSION: Anna Contreras (Acting Chairman), Shirley Pfeffer, Connie Salvati and Joan Roberts

ABSENT: Jean Korleski (Excused) and Larry Grant (Excused)

STAFF: Tracy McMahan (Senior Coordinator) and Stacey Banks (Administrative Assistant to City Manager, Steve Brown)

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 JULY 11, 2017 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Salvati and Pfeffer to approve the July 11, 2017 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:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Coordinator Report – Receive and File

Ms. McMahan noted that the hoedown was fun and that the recent luau was also fun and had a lot of attendees. The dancers were great. The seniors took a recent trip to Kensington for Senior Day including a boat ride and lunch and a hayride in the park's Farm Center. Quite a few seniors went to the State Fair. There were 50 tickets and only 8-10 were not picked up to be used.

Ms. McMahan noted that the free shredding service will be here today until noon. This Thursday there will be an appreciation lunch for the Department of Public Works (DPW) employees this Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will be a potluck and the DPW employees will come to the senior lounge and have lunch with them.

Ms. McMahan noted that Klint Kesto as well as someone from the State Attorney General's Office will be coming this Friday for a question and answer session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will also be a flu shot clinic next Monday. There is a sign-up sheet for that although this can be done on a drop-in basis too.

Ms. McMahan is working with Kerri from First & Main on putting together a trip to the cider mill. It is tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2017 although she has yet to identify which cider mill it will be. Commissioner Salvati recommended Three Cedars. Commissioner Roberts recommended Irwin's Orchards.

Ms. McMahan noted that she has received requests to allocate the seniors' donations for the month of September toward hurricane relief. The Red Cross has suggested that monetary donations are most needed at this point. They are also seeking donation of necessary items which will be trucked down to Texas or Florida. Commissioner Pfeffer asked how this will be coordinated. Ms. McMahan said that she will make up some posters and flyers listing requested items (non-perishable foods, diapers, baby formula, etc.). Those items can be dropped off at the Senior Center. She has not yet found anyone to deliver the items collected directly to The Red Cross.

Ms. McMahan noted that all items have now been turned in for the school supply donation to the local elementary schools and she will soon be inventorying that. She hopes to get the supplies to the schools sometime next week. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that last year supplies were donated to Loon Lake and Wixom Elementary Schools. She suggests giving this years' collected supplies to Walled Lake Elementary. Commissioner Roberts noted that at Wixom Elementary children bring things in and then collectively use the donated items.

INFORMATION:

1. Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement

Ms. McMahan said there have been no changes to the Financial Statement since the Senior Commission's last quarterly meeting.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that the dates for the card tournaments, for both euchre and pinochle, are being changed to the second Friday of the month. The next date would be Friday, October 13th.

Commissioner Roberts noted that there have not been any 50/50 raffles since Ms. Goodlein left. Ms. McMahan noted that no one stepped up to coordinate it at the Hawaiian luau. Commissioner Roberts said that she would be happy to coordinate that and Commissioner Salvati offered to assist her. Ms. McMahan noted that a raffle could be done at the Thanksgiving and Christmas events. She has the raffle tickets in her possession. Typically, the jackpot is split into two or three winners depending on its size in order to maximize the number of winners. Half of the profits always go to the Senior Center.

Commissioner Salvati asked whether Zehnder's will be doing a Christmas program again this year. She noted that if a group can be assembled, they will do a lunch; however, there is no entertainment. She has attended two of them and there is a pick-up at the Senior Center by a mini-bus which accommodates up to 20 seniors. Ms. McMahan has a flyer from them and will check with them to make arrangements. She believes the seniors will have to purchase tickets up front.

Commissioner Contreras has been receiving calls from someone at Independence

Village in White Lake inviting her to events. There is a very low pressure tour and lunch on October 17th. They will provide a bus to pick people up from the Senior Center. Ms. McMahan noted that seniors can fill out one of the registration forms at her desk if they are interested in attending. Independence Village has been participating in some of the Senior Center events. She will probably be doing that with First & Main in Commerce when they open in October. They bring pizza monthly for the Pizza & A Movie event.

Commissioner Salvati asked whether Ms. McMahan can send out mass emails to alert seniors to events like the upcoming one by Representative Kesto since they do not appear on the Senior calendar. Commissioner Pfeffer said this is a very good idea since there are regular Friday seniors who would not know of these events otherwise. Ms. Banks noted that the City has an application which sends out emails to everyone who signs up for them on the City's website under the 'General Interest' section. She can add a category for 'Senior Information'. Then when Ms. McMahan creates an email, it would go out to the Seniors who signed up under that on the City's website. Commissioner Salvati thinks it is great to get notices from the City. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that Jane Schaefer told her that she did not get the recent Senior newsletter. Ms. McMahan said that the newsletter only goes out to current members. So, perhaps Ms. Schaefer's membership is out of date.

Commissioner Roberts asked whether there are a lot of new members to the Senior Center recently. She attended a recent event and did not know about half of those present. Commissioner Contreras believes they may have been from Richardson. Ms. McMahan said that some seniors have joined the exercise class since the formal walking group at the mall has ceased.

Commissioner Pfeffer inquired about the status of senior events for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Ms. McMahan said that she has not yet planned that.

Commissioner Pfeffer noted that pumpkin decorating will be held on October 26, 2017. Ms. McMahan said that First & Main will be providing the pumpkins.

Commissioner Contreras noted that there is an upcoming writing program. She signed up for a writing class in Milford and found it interesting. Ms. McMahan said that Amanda from the Library will be facilitating Wixom's writing program.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. Banks asked Ms. McMahan to take photos at the DPW appreciation potluck as well as the drop off of the school supplies to Walled Lake Elementary School for purposes of sharing it on the City's Facebook page. She noted that page currently has 1,300 followers.

Ms. McMahan noted that the Desert Angel packing party will be held in October or November, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher

Recording Secretary