

**CITY OF WIXOM
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018**

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, Joan Roberts and Larry Grant

ABSENT: Connie Salvati (Excused)

STAFF: Tracy McMahan (Senior Coordinator) and Sheryl Lucas (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:

There were no changes or additions made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2018 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION and seconded by Commissioners Grant and Contreras to approve the January 9, 2018 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public present.

TABLED MOTIONS:

There were not tabled motions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Coordinator Report – Receive and File

Ms. McMahan said that senior programs are still being held in the City offices while the senior lounge is under renovation. Attendance has been slightly lower during the renovation period, perhaps due to the weather and winter vacations. The St. Patrick's Day party will be held in the ballroom which is looking very nice. Commissioner Grant inquired as to whether work is still being performed on the dividers in the ballroom. Ms. McMahan said that the workers are supposed to be finished that up today.

2. Memo - Memorial Plaque Additions

Ms. McMahan noted that there are four senior memorial plaques to be added since December. Chairman Korleski said that she will pick up the plaque and take it to the engraver.

INFORMATION:

1. Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement

Ms. McMahan said that the monies from the Ronald McDonald fundraiser were withdrawn from the Senior Activity Fund. Commissioner Grant noted that nothing else has changed but there they will be holding a 50/50 raffle during the St. Patrick's Day party which will yield some revenue. Chairman Korleski asked who will be coordinating the 50/50 raffle. Commissioner Grant said that he cannot do it since he will be singing. Commissioner Contreras noted that she will not be here. Chairman Korleski volunteered to coordinate it along with a helper she will recruit. Commissioner Grant said that his wife will be able to help. Ms. McMahan said that she will have a sign for the seniors to check in. Commissioner Roberts asked what the price will be for St. Patrick's Day party tickets. Ms. McMahan said it is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. The extra \$2 will come out of the Senior Activity Fund. Ms. McMahan noted that there are 65 seniors currently signed up for the St. Patrick's Day party.

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2. Memo: Discussion of Fund Use

Chairman Korleski noted that some of the Senior Activity Fund will be depleted by the member discount for the St. Patrick's Day party event. She noted that since it is a spring party, it stands to reason they will have a good turnout. Commissioner Grant would like to see more challenging games in addition to cards. He noted that Apples to Apples is good for a large group. Ms. McMahan noted that she purchased quite a few new games recently as discussed at the last meeting, and suggested that the Commissioners inventory the current games before acquiring new ones. Chairman Korleski suggested replacing games which have worn or tattered cards. Commissioner Contreras will facilitate replacing cards if necessary with used casino cards.

Chairman Korleski asked the Commissioners whether they would like to subsidize another event this summer. Commissioner Grant suggested having hot dogs for the Tigers' opening day game. Chairman Korleski noted that that event is not as well attended as some of the parties so it might be best to put the monies toward a party with larger attendance. Chairman Korleski asked about having a White Elephant event. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that a lot of seniors are being hospitalized and require hospice services. She suggested donating to hospice. Chairman Korleski said that would be a good charity to contribute toward. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that last year they donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Chairman Korleski suggested having hospice be the recipient of the white elephant proceeds. She likes the idea of using gift cards to local restaurants for the white elephant as opposed to used items donated by seniors. She feels there are enough local businesses to approach for donated gift cards. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that there are some newer businesses; i.e., Dave & Amy's. Commissioner Roberts said that she feels uncomfortable soliciting donations from local merchants and noted that places like Jet's Pizza do not have a manager or owner onsite when she has visited.

Chairman Korleski said that she and Commissioner Grant will approach the local businesses for gift cards and suggested targeting 10-12 establishments. She noted that it is helpful to have a letter from

Ms. McMahan on City stationery which formalizes their affiliation with the City and the Senior Commission. Ms. McMahan noted that many of the local businesses are already sponsoring City events; i.e., fireworks, etc. The Commissioners agreed to divide up the solicitation of gift cards from local businesses as follows:

Commissioner Pfeffer: Alex's and Woody's

Chairman Korleski: Wixom Station, Volare, Tuffy Muffler (in Walled Lake), Dave & Amy's, Kroger's and the car wash on Pontiac Trail (she will ask Suzie about the latter)

Commissioner Grant: Culver's, the oil change near Tuffy's and the tiki bar in Walled Lake

Commissioner Roberts: Lena's and The Drafting Table

Ms. McMahan noted that in order to secure a donation from Meijer's, the Commissioners need to pre-submit a form; they may have time to do this for the next White Elephant. Commissioner Grant suggested that the Commissioners communicate with one another via email regarding their progress by the end of March. Commissioner Pfeffer asked when the White Elephant will be held. Ms. McMahan suggested doing it at the end of June, perhaps on the 28th. Chairman Korleski inquired about early June. Ms. McMahan noted that the summer picnic is scheduled for May 31st. However, she does not suggest combining the White Elephant with the picnic. Ms. McMahan suggested holding it on Thursday, July 26, 2018. Chairman Korleski suggested doing the Chinese auction on the 26th. Ms. McMahan said they could do a barbeque theme. She will do her best to get the Commissioners the letters for the Commissioners to present to the local businesses for the gift cards within the next couple weeks.

Commissioner Roberts suggested including board games at the March 29th Tigers' opening day event. Chairman Korleski said there will be tables with games. They can also ask the seniors who attend to donate games. Commissioner Grant suggested asking the seniors to bring the games with them so that the Commissioners can get a better idea of what is available. Ms. McMahan noted that in the event the Tigers' game is not televised, the seniors will be able to listen to it on the radio. Chairman Korleski noted that there will be events going on for the last Thursday of each month for three months in a row.

Ms. McMahan announced that there will be an event at the Detroit Institute of the Arts on April 26th. Transportation is included and the seniors will be picked up at the City offices at noon. There are still tickets available.

Commissioner Grant noted that the Commissioners had previous discussions about screening new entertainers for the senior events. He reiterated that he would like to see some new options. Ms. McMahan said that she will work on this as soon as her desk is unpacked following completion of the renovations. Commissioner Grant suggested tabling this subject under 'Unfinished Business' for the Commissioners' next meeting in May. Commissioner Pfeffer noted that Mr. Michliewicz sent Ms. McMahan the name of a band for her evaluation. Commissioner Contreras asked Ms. McMahan to look up the bands which were previously well received at prior senior events.

Chairman Korleski confirmed that the pinochle and euchre games will be moved back to the senior lounge effective April 12, 2018. They will now be held on the second Thursday at 1 p.m. Commissioner Grant would like to return to the earlier time for euchre--10 a.m. on May 10th. Chairman Korleski asked whether there will be any pinochle or euchre during the summer months. Commissioner Grant said no and cited concerns with garnering adequate attendance. There will be a pinochle game on June 14th, the last before the break for summer.

Ms. McMahan noted that the Senior Center no longer has Friday hours per the decision of the City Manager. He has decided that it does not make sense to pay someone to be here on Fridays. Commissioner Grant noted that unless there are events scheduled there is not a lot of attendance on Thursdays. Chairman Korleski noted that it is nice to have a day that is not so tightly structured which can accommodate events.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

There were no comments made by the Commissioners.

STAFF COMMENTS:

There were no comments made by the staff.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher
Recording Secretary