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CITY OF WIXOM  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 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, Connie Salvati, Joan Roberts and Larry Grant

ABSENT: Shirley Pfeffer (Excused)

STAFF: Cyndy Marsh (Temporary 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:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2018 SENIOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** and seconded by Commissioners Roberts and Grant to approve the March 13, 2018 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. Entertainment Options**

Commissioner Grant previously discussed his desire to secure new entertainment options for upcoming Senior events. Commissioner Salvati mentioned that Timothy James who does line dancing and zumba is very popular. Chairman Korleski inquired about the entertainer from the luau. Ms. Marsh will reach out to Novi's Senior Coordinator, Judy Klein, regarding this. Commissioner Grant noted that they have had this entertainer before; his sound system is not great. Commissioner Grant noted that Ms. McMahan had a folder with a selection of business cards for entertainers. Ms. Marsh retrieved the folder and the Commissioners reviewed the cards including those of Rick & John and Tom Slatton. Commissioner Roberts recalls two guitar players at a prior event who were really good. Commissioner Grant liked Half Wacked who played music from the 50's through the 90's. He also liked a father/daughter act which he first saw in Franklin. Chairman Korleski saw this same act during Labor Day weekend in Franklin. Chairman Korleski tends to shy away from entertainers who say they cater to 'seniors'. She noted that the Wixom seniors like a lot of music and want to get up and move. Ms. Marsh noted that Ms. Magee told her that she uses Jag Entertainment in Wixom who books the City's Concert in the Park series. Commissioner Grant suggested soliciting ideas for potential entertainers from the seniors at large.

Commissioner Salvati noted that events would attract more seniors if they included a potluck, games and food and that they may not come in just for games. Ms. Marsh noted that on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, there will be an event where seniors can come in and learn new games. She can try to turn that into a potluck. There will be a similar event on July 24, 2018 at 11 a.m. Chairman Korleski suggested doing a potluck on that date. Commissioner Grant offered to bring in some different games then.

Ms. Marsh noted that the Senior picnic is scheduled for May 31, 2018. She booked a comedian for the picnic through a talent agency. She wanted to do something a little different. His act will run about 30-45 minutes.

Chairman Korleski noted that the Commissioners had previously discussed doing an auction but not a white elephant. She noted that she received

one donation (an oil change card from Tuffy's) and Commissioner Roberts noted that she secured one donation from Lena's.

Chairman Korleski noted that there were discussions about four new names which need to be added to the senior memorial plaque. However, she noticed that the plaque is now missing. Ms. Marsh indicated that the plaque was packed up during the recent renovations to the Community Center. She will locate it and rehang it. Chairman Korleski noted that the bookrack is also missing. Ms. Marsh said that she will have the DPW workers bring it back out. She will get her office furniture back around May 14, 2018 and will make sure that the book rack, the bulletin board and a place for the fliers are reinstalled.

Commissioner Salvati noted that there were two senior events which were doublebooked, the DIA (Detroit Institute of Arts) event and the luau. She asked Ms. Marsh if there is a way to ensure that this does not occur in the future so that seniors would not have to make a choice between events but could attend both. Chairman Korleski agreed. Commissioner Salvati noted that this week euchre and the Mother's Day lunch are on the same date. Commissioner Grant noted that euchre will probably be canceled since only three people RSVP'd. Commissioner Grant noted that Commissioner Pfeffer will be in charge of that event which will go forward if they have eight attendees. Chairman Korleski asked whether euchre or pinochle will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Grant said that it will be pinochle and euchre on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. He asked people to bring snacks on that date and he will be supplying his homemade chili.

Commissioner Salvati noted that last week's event on the bus was well received by the seniors. She suggesting considering the following for future events: Island Queen boat at Kensington Metropark, Baker's, putt putt golf, Cedar Farms in the fall, etc. Basically, she would like to see a number of activities throughout the year. She recommended that they secure transportation or carpool.

Ms. Marsh asked whether the seniors had ever visited the Michigan Princess in Lansing. Commissioner Salvati said that they did do that last year and it was a good trip. They also went to a cider mill. She suggested trying to reschedule it for this year with bus transportation.

Commissioner Grant asked how the seniors are holding out on the big trips. Commissioner Salvati said that they are doing fine. Ms. Marsh reiterated that the racks with the trip fliers will be reinstalled in the Community Center. She noted that there is a cider mill near Salem that had sponsorship last year. Commissioner Grant suggested doing that again in September or October. Ms. Marsh asked about Erwin's Orchards in South Lyon and said that she will also explore other options. Commissioner Salvati noted that Uncle John's cider mill in Lansing is a good option; they also offer wine tasting.

Chairman Korleski asked whether there are any other events for this year in addition to the picnic. Is there anything else on the day of the Chinese auction? Commissioner Salvati asked to whom the upcoming raffle proceeds will be designated. She noted that last time it was the Ronald McDonald House. Chairman Korleski said that they could be used to purchase new games. The white elephant proceeds will go to a hospice organization. Chairman Korleski will research one nearby and will check with Novi Lakes tomorrow. Commissioner Salvati noted that Henry Ford Hospital does hospice counseling. The raffle will be held in conjunction with the red, white and blue event in July. She suggested doing the Chinese auction on July 24, 2018 when the seniors will be playing games. Commissioner Grant suggested that it is best not to have two events in one week. Chairman Korleski suggested going games, a potluck and a Chinese auction on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 11 a.m. Commissioner Salvati noted that she has had seniors question what happens with the 50/50 raffle proceeds other than that they are funneled into the Senior Commission fund. One senior refused to purchase raffle tickets without additional details.

Commissioner Roberts noted that she does not like the idea of using monies from the Senior fund for the senior lunches. Chairman Korleski noted that it goes into the Senior fund and that if games or exercise bands are needed, the monies can be used for that. They have also used those monies to defray the cost of membership lunches. Commissioner Roberts said that she thought they designated a charity last year. Chairman Korleski said that was true for part of the money but not all of it. Commissioner Roberts does not think the Commission should be

discounting/subsidizing tickets to senior events. Chairman Korleski noted that for many seniors that is a huge inducement. Commissioner Roberts asked whether that makes the ticket price \$12. Ms. Marsh said that \$12 is the non-member price and \$10 is the price paid by members. If the Commission defrays the ticket price, it drops to \$8 per person for members.

Chairman Korleski noted that she made a call to Hickory Hills Golf Course off Loon Lake Road. They will still honor last year's rates which is \$10 if you bring your own cart, \$12 if you rent their cart and \$15 for a motorized cart. That is valid for play on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. In order to qualify for these rates, seniors need to identify themselves as being connected to the Wixom seniors. It is not a golf league.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Senior Coordinator Report – Receive and File**

The Senior Coordinator report was received and filed by the Commissioners.

#### **INFORMATION:**

##### **1. Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement**

Commissioner Grant noted that the Senior Commission donated \$140 from the St. Patrick's Day event but the statement only shows they received \$70. Chairman Korleski noted that \$70 went to the seniors. Commissioner Grant noted that it is reflected as a subtraction. Ms. Lucas will have Marilyn from the City's Finance Department explain this. She noted that \$70 went to the Senior Commission and \$70 went to a charity. Chairman Korleski noted that it should have been booked as \$140 coming in minus \$70. She requested Marilyn attend the next Senior Commission meeting if necessary to explain this. Commissioner Grant noted that the fund balance should have gone up, not down since a deposit was made.

Chairman Korleski noted that she was approached by a senior regarding use of some of the Senior Commission's funds. That senior suggested

purchasing little Teddy bears to be kept in police cars in order to comfort children of families who are involved in domestic violence police calls. Ms. Lucas suggested assessing the need with the police department since they may already have a similar program in place. Chairman Korleski stated that she also received a suggestion that the Police donate a ride along as an auction prize. Commissioner Contreras noted that that would likely be a prize of interest.

Commissioner Grant suggested that the Commissioners start thinking about the annual school supply collection sometime September. Chairman Korleski asked if the Commissioner want to donate to the same schools as last year. Commissioner Grant noted that 2 years ago, they donated to Wixom Schools and last year to Walled Lake Schools. Commissioner Salvati noted that this year they decided to donate to Hospitality House to be coordinated by a member of the exercise class. She offered to coordinate this. It was suggested to start collecting supplies around August 1, 2018 with a cutoff sometime in mid-August. Chairman Korleski suggested kicking off the school supply collection on July 26<sup>th</sup> during the games/potluck/auction. Ms. Marsh will add this to the newsletter with a collection deadline of August 16, 2018.

Commissioner Roberts noted that there are certain games that she would like to see acquired for the seniors including Chronology. However, if the cards are left out, she has found that some seniors go through them and memorize the answers. Commissioner Salvati suggested the game Mexican Train. Chairman Korleski confirmed that they already have dominoes and that it could be played on game day.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Chairman Korleski noted that the Commissioners will be taking Ms. McMahan out to lunch sometime during the month of May. Ms. Marsh has Ms. McMahan's telephone number. Ms. Marsh noted that Ms. McMahan has accepted a full-time position with The Villa in Walled Lake.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Ms. Lucas noted that she has posted Ms. McMahan's old job in multiple places and will be taking applications through May 21, 2018.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fisher

Recording Secretary