



SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 17, 2019 – 9:00am

Oak Grove

ATTENDEES: Carolyn Durbin, LaVonne Kroells, Tom Simmons, Kay Hampshire, Cathleen Williams, Dick Stolz, Dawn Plummer, Dave Beddoe, Laurie Hilgers, Karen Hallquist

ABSENT: JR Hoernemann, Sandy Roepke, Matt Arnst, Lois Schultz, Brenda Schmitz, Bonita Heilman

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by LaVonne Kroells at 9:00am at Oak Grove.

2. Adopt agenda

Motion: CD/CW to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Approve minutes of September 19, 2019

Minutes from September 19, 2019 not available. Commission will approve September and October minutes at the November meeting.

4. Senior Housing

5.1 Harbor / Haven

LH reported there are two available spots open at the Harbor. Six couples are residents. The Haven is full and there are three couples living together. Primary resident cost is \$3,000 with an additional \$770 for the spouse. Each have their own care service. Once there is a death, the cost goes back to the primary. LH also commented on staffing with employment spots stabilizing. TS reported the Beef Dinner Fundraiser profited \$1,100 with \$800 of it from the bake sale. Proceeds help pay for activities at the Harbor/Haven.

Upcoming events:

- Today, Thursday, Oct 17, 2019 – Bus (full) to Emma Krumbees, candy store, etc.
- Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019 – Casino Day 1pm @ Harbor (Community Event)
- Tuesday, Oct 29, 2019 - Michael James & Mitty 6pm @ Haven –Musical event organized in partnership with the Carver County Library (Community Event)
- Thursday, Nov 7, 2019 – Fall Ball 1pm @ Pavilion – Music by Nancy Buckentin (Community Event)
- Thursday, Nov 21, 2019 – Lunch & Learn 11-1pm @ Peace Villa – hosted by SmartLink (Community Event)
- Sunday, Dec 8, 2019 – Harbor/Haven Christmas Party (Residents Only)

5.2 Peace Villa

TS reported there is very little turnover. Apartments are full with a 18-24 month waiting list. TS and BS are attending a MN Housing & Finance seminar on October 18, 2019 to find out ways to fund maintenance needs at Peace Villa such as a sprinkler system, elevator and boiler.

5.3 Oak Grove

DB reported they are looking for a new manager to take over Stephanie's position at both NYA and Waconia. There is one single bedroom, handicap accessible apartment available.

5. Bus Updates

The City of NYA is looking for additional bus drivers as one driver recently resigned. The city subsidizes two events per month. LH will verify the bus schedule for the grocery store run days.

6. Senior Services

7.1 Senior Center

LK reported there were 21 guests who attended the center on Oct 16, 2019. The first Wed of the month there are snacks available and the third Wed of the month is a meal. Funding for the snacks and food are split among the NYA West Carver Lion, NYA Lions Club, VFW and American Legion. There is also a tip jar available for guests to contribute. KH commented the city cable access channel is being updated and can help with advertising.

7.2 Gardens

LK reported there will have to be more clarity next year on the gardens, as the small gardens are for personal use only and the apple and pear trees are for all community members to pick from. NYA West Carver Lions recently replaced a pear tree and LK is maintaining. The local girl scouts will clean out the gardens now at the end of the season and take whatever is still fresh to the food shelf.

7. Updates from Community

8.1 Carver County Public Health

DP provided a Home Fit Guide which describes how to help people live at home longer. She will order more to have available at city hall. This information along with a brief update from Senior Advisory Commission could be available in the next city newsletter. DP reported that a 2020 goal is to have a joint senior commission meeting with others from Carver County to talk about the "Aging with Gusto Discussion" seminar. DP stated that SHIP has funds to pay for the seminar to come to each community. DP also mentioned a free movie "Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me" will be showing at the Chanhassen movie theater on Sat, Nov 2, 2019 starting at 9:30am – 12:00pm. After the movie there will be snacks and a discussion about Alzheimer's and dementia.

8.2 NYA City Council

DS reported on the Econofoods building. There is no word on a new store going in at this time. Grocery store hardgoods are up for auction this coming week. KH mentioned she is talking with a retail analysis from U of M Extension office to see if they have any suggestions. DS commented on the Hwy 212 project and potential increase in expenses. There is a SWCTC (Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition) meeting with the senate bonding commission at Bongards on Tues, Oct 22, 2019 at 10:30am. DS also reported on the current nuisances and violations around the community. He stated that with the potential for new businesses and growth the city council and staff are working to keep residents and business owners on track with city codes.

8.3 Carver County Sheriff's Department - none

8.4 Triad

CW commented that the last two seminars have been cancelled due to lack of sheriff support. Bill McMahon has found funds available, however, not able to secure them until the new sheriff's department is involved.

8. Adjournment

Motion: CW/CD to adjourn at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hallquist, EDMD