



SENIOR ADVISORY Minutes
July 16, 2020 – 9:00 AM
City Council Chambers

Attendance:

Commission Members Present: Carolyn Durbin, LaVonne Kroells, Lois Schultz, Tom Simmons, Cathleen Williams, Dick Stolz (City Council rep), Bonita Heilman (Ad Hoc member)

Staff Present: Karen Hallquist (Economic Development Director)

Others Present: Matt Aretz (City Deputy), Dawn Plummer (Carver County Public Health), Carol Lagergren (Mayor)

1. Call Meeting of Senior Advisory Commission to Order:

Chairperson Kroells called the commission meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Appointment of Officers

Motion by Simmons, Seconded by Schultz to reappoint Lavonne Kroells as Chairperson and Carolyn Durbin as Vice Chair. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Durbin, Seconded by Schultz to reappoint Tom Simmons to another 3 year term. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Approve Agenda

Hallquist wished to add appointing AdHoc members from The Harbor/Haven/Peace Village under Bylaws. *Motion by Durbin, Seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 6-0.*

4. Approve Minutes of February 20, 2020 meeting

Motion by Williams, Seconded by Schultz to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Bylaws

Hallquist shared that as a commission, Senior Advisory does not need bylaws since all the guidelines from the bylaws are in City Code with the following exceptions: (1) a meeting place is named in bylaws and not city code; (2) a number of members is listed as a quorum in bylaws and not in city code, where a quorum is more than 50% of existing members; and (3) no compensation is listed in bylaws when a stipend is available to commission members who attend 75% of meetings based on city code.

Recommendations from the Commission to update the current code to (1) eliminate the appointment of a Secretary to the Commission and (2) include the Haven.

Motion by Simmons; Seconded by Durbin to eliminate Senior Advisory bylaws and appoint Brenda Schmitz and Laurie Hilgers as Ad Hoc Members to the Commission. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Senior Housing

6.1 Harbor/Haven

There are currently 4 openings in the Harbor and 4 openings in the Haven at this time.

6.2. Peace Villa

There are no openings in Peace Villa and a short waiting list at this time

6.3. Oak Grove

No update on available apartments.

In addition, Heilman shared the following changes to protocol at The Harbor and Haven: (1) only essential family visits are now allowed; (2) outside visitation stations are now being used --- to replace conversation stations ordered through an Ecumen grant; (3) communal dining with social distancing protocols is now allowed; (4) salon appointments with safety protocols is now available. There is still no allowed travel between Peace Village and The Harbor. Guests are allowed to visit outside Peace Village and must be masked. Finally state recommended testing for staff will be implemented --- all staff will be tested on three consecutive Mondays for COVID-19.

Simmons shared information on a \$500,000 grant from Minnesota Finance and Housing that was approved for Peace Village. It is at 0% interest for 20 years with 10% of the loan forgivable at the end. This money will be used to fund a portion of the \$630,000 capital updates recommended for Peace Village, to include: elevator updates, sprinkler updates, and boiler updates. The remaining cost will be covered by Peace Village capital fund. After a Capital Needs Assessment is completed, the work can commence.

7. Bus Updates

At this time, the bus is only being used by individual senior citizens. No groups trips are planned at this time.

8. Senior Services

6.1 Senior Center

Kroells reported that the Senior Center has been closed since February and there are no plans to restart until after the pandemic.

9. Updates from Community

9.1 Carver County Public Health

Plummer shared handouts on: (1) ordering food online, (2) food resources in Carver County, (3) symptoms of COVID19 and (4) managing your COVID19 symptoms at home. She also shared information on additional PPE and cleaning supplies available through the County Emergency Operations Office. Additional information on a zoom training on "Aging with Gusto in the Age of COVID" was shared.

Stolz asked about protocols for a senior citizen who is feeling ill. Plummer shared the following: (1) contact your health provider and they will help you with testing options; (2) isolate yourself until healthy and quarantine anyone who has had contact; (3) call for additional support if your symptoms worsen.

9.2 NYA City Council

Stolz shared the following updates from the Council: (1) golf carts with handicapped stickers will now be allowed on city trails; and (2) Highway 212 projects are up and running with the full closure to end on Monday. Kroells shared that Stiftungsfest has been cancelled to protect the safety of all citizens.

9.3 Carver County Sheriff's Department

Arnst shared that there is a change to deputy responses to medical calls. At this time, most medical calls will go directly to emergency responders and deputies will not be onsite unless called back.

9.4 Triad

No updates at this time.

10. 2020 Senior Advisory Goals

Hallquist shared the 2020 goals and objectives. The Commission was informed that the Accessory Dwelling Unit goal has been met through Planning Commission and Council approval. These goals will be reviewed at each upcoming meeting.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Simmons, Seconded by Williams to adjourn at 10:03. Roll call vote. Motion passed: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hallquist, Economic Development Director