



**SENIOR ADVISORY Minutes**  
**August 20, 2020 – 9:00 AM**  
**City Council Chambers**

**Attendance:**

Commission Members Present: Carolyn Durbin, Lois Schultz, Tom Simmons, Cathleen Williams, Brenda Schmitz (Ad Hoc member), Anne Marie Stolp (Ad Hoc Member)  
Staff Present: Karen Hallquist (Economic Development Director)  
Others Present: Dawn Plummer (Carver County Public Health), Carol Lagergren (Mayor)

**1. Call Meeting of Senior Advisory Commission to Order:**

*Vice-Chairperson Durbin called the commission meeting to order at 9:03 AM.*

**2. Approve Agenda**

Hallquist wished to add 6D National Night Out to the agenda.

*Motion by Simmons, Seconded by Schultz to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 4-0.*

**3. Approve Minutes of July 16, 2020 meeting**

*Motion by Williams, Seconded by Schultz to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.*

**4. New Business**

**4.1. Senior Advisory Commission Available Seats**

Hallquist shared that information on the Senior Advisory Commission and the request for additional members in the upcoming newsletter.

**5. Senior Residence Updates**

**5.1 Harbor/Haven**

Schmitz shared that there are currently several openings in the Harbor/Haven although Memory Care is full. Current practice is to have a 14 day quarantine after a residence leaves before filling the vacancy. Residents and families are using the plexiglass visiting stations as well as outdoor visits on a regular basis. In addition, groups of up to 10 residents are allowed outside with social distancing. Congregate dining has been restored and is going well. Some activities are happening that allow for social distancing. Although three staff members tested positive for COVID19, this triggered testing for all residents and additional funding opportunities from state and federal monies. No residents tested positive for COVID19.

**5.2. Peace Villa**

Schmitz shared that there are no openings in Peace Villa at this time. Residents are doing well and planning activities with social distancing protocols in place.

**5.3. Oak Grove**

Stolp shared that Oak Grove is looking at adding mainstream units. These units are available to residents 55 to 61 years old who are disabled and allow a discounted rent amount. There are currently several apartments in a similar Project Based Program for residents 60 years and older.

**6. Senior Services/Project Updates**

**6.1 Senior Center**

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

**6.2 City Bus**

Lagergren shared that the city bus is available for us for small groups or individuals, but it is not currently getting much use. Simmons requested that the city budget again include monies to subsidize the cost of bussing for citizens going to field trips (up to 2 per month). Reminder from the group to make the bus available for voting in November.

### **6.3. Aging with Gusto**

Plummer shared information on the Aging with Gusto program. Additional funding from the SHIP grant will allow this program to continue through September 2021. Since it requires online access in a discussion forum, the extended timeline will allow face-to-face programming in the future.

Hallquist requested additional information on using SHIP funding to provide short programming targeted to senior citizens through the local cable station. Simmons requested additional information on using SHIP funding to provide short programming through the Harbor/Haven/Peace Villa inhouse programming station.

### **6.4 National Night Out**

Durbin shared that National Night Out is scheduled for October 6, 2020 and a table with handouts from Senior Advisory has been requested. Williams volunteered to work at the booth. Additional volunteers will be discussed at the September meeting.

## **7. Updates from Community**

### **9.1 Carver County Public Health**

Plummer shared that County Public Health is currently working on contact tracing and providing PPE (masks and cleaning supplies) to different groups throughout the county. She brought along masks requested by Heilman for the Harbor/Haven and Peace Villa.

### **9.2 NYA City Council**

Lagergren shared information on road projects for 2021, current planning for the 2021 budget, work on accessing and using CARES funding, and the future plans for artwork in the community (mural in Historic Downtown Norwood Young America, Freedom Rock in Veterans Park, Central Schools artwork in the Underpass, and a future mural in Historic Downtown Young America. In addition, she shared information on the large number of building permits being issues for new homes, small business upgrades and home improvement projects.

### **9.3 Carver County Sheriff's Department**

No report.

### **9.4 Triad**

No report.

## **8. 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.

## **9. Adjournment**

*Motion by Williams, Seconded by Schultz to adjourn at 9:54. Motion passed: 6-0.*

Next scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9AM at the NYA City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Hallquist, Economic Development Director