



Attendance:

Commission Members Present: Carolyn Durbin, Lois Schultz, Tom Simmons, LaVonne Kroells, Anne Marie Stolp (Ad Hoc Member), Dick Stolz
Staff Present: Karen Hallquist (Economic Development Director)
Others Present: None

1. Call Meeting of Senior Advisory Commission to Order:

Kroells called the commission meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

2. Approve Agenda

Stolp noted a correction in the minutes – 5.3 with Oak Grove Resident apartments are 55 years and older. *Motion by Schultz, Seconded by Durbin to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 4-0.*

3. Approve Minutes of August 20, 2020 meeting

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

4. New Business

a. Cable Access Channel Shows/videos

Hallquist shared information about senior living and wellness shows via PegMedia. This is an online video company allows local access channels to purchase broadcasting downloads. Hallquist will download senior affiliated shows and share air times with the senior centers. Stolp requested contact information for Jaguar Communication to look into for Oak Grove Center. The NYA TV channels are MediaCom #8 and Jaguar Communication #901.

b. Video Taping Meetings

Hallquist shared that all council and commission meetings have gone back to Zoom meetings. Senior Advisory has not been recorded previously, however could attract more members by recording and showing on the cable access channel. Simmons recommended all advisory commissions to bring a friend to the next meeting in October. Guests must be at least 55 years old and a city resident of NYA. *Motion by Durbin, Second by Kroells to approve recording meeting starting in January 2021. Motion passed 4-0.*

5. Senior Residence Updates

a. Harbor/Haven

Simmons shared there are no new cases of COVID. Residents are having communal dining and game times. There are a few openings in the Harbor and they are filling one spot every two weeks. He noted the Haven residency is full.

b. Peace Villa

Simmons shared there have been three positive cases at Peace Villa. They are allowing caregivers in the facility, however, still on a lockdown with only residents being able to come and go because of the independent living. Stolz shared that he played concertina at all three locations.

c. Oak Grove

Stolp shared there are 2 – One bedroom/den apartments available at \$1177/month. Carver Co CDA will be advertising on social media. For National Night Out they are having boxed lunches catered from Chef Craig of Arlington. The building is still closed to non-residents and no one can use the public spaces.

6. Senior Services/Project Updates

a. Senior Center

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

b. City Bus

The bus will be available to bring voters to City Hall for elections on November 3rd. The city bus will be starting to run grocery and appointment trips again. All medical trips are to go through SmartLink.

c. Aging with Gusto

Kroells is attending the Chanhassen session via Zoom and will report back at the October meeting.

d. National Night Out

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Williams volunteered at the August meeting to be at the event with a table and Senior Advisory information. Hallquist will connect with her and get brochures and signage. If anyone else is interested in helping, please call Cathleen.

7. Updates from Community

a. Carver County Public Health

Plummer was absent. Simmons commented on the number of COVID cases in Carver County to be 27.

b. NYA City Council

Stolz had updates on the following:

- Kroells shared information about the 1900s band shell that will be moved to the Legion Park near the open pavilion. This will be a 2021 spring project and at no cost to the taxpayers.
- The Elm Street parking lot landscape project that should be done in the next month.
- City Council is working on the 2021 budget.
- Lift Station & part of 2nd Avenue – This would be a total reconstruction. Simmons asked about the mobile generator. Stolz shared the generator is keeping things running, but the pumps are old and hard to replace and the lift station is of high priority. The City is doing overlays to help maintain roads until they can be replaced or reconstructed. Oak Lane is to be done in 2021.
- He also shared disappointment with school functions and local businesses not abiding by the mask mandate.

Other comments:

- Northside Grill is set to open again on October 1st.
- Unhinged Pizza is open 7 days a week, however, no one is sure of in-house dining. Hallquist will verify.
- Much discussion on COVID and the CDC and a timeline for vaccines. Latest research is that it will take 6-9 months for a vaccine which will be well into 2021.

c. Carver County Sheriff's Department - Triad

No report.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Durbin, Seconded by Simmons to adjourn. Motion passed: 5-0.

Next scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 9AM at the NYA City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hallquist, Economic Development Director