



Attendance:

Commission Members Present: Carolyn Durbin, Cathleen Williams, Tom Simmons, LaVonne Kroells, Anne Marie Stolp (Ad Hoc Member – Oak Grove), Bonita Heilman (Ad Hoc Member – Harbor), Dawn Plummer (Ad Hoc Member – Carver Co Public Health)

Staff Present: Karen Hallquist (Economic Development Director)

Others Present: Carol Lagergren, Mayor

1. Call Meeting of Senior Advisory Commission to Order:

Kroells called the commission meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

2. Approve Agenda

Stolp noted a correction in the minutes – 5c. with the Oak Grove community room and library still closed to residents and the public. Addition to 4a. Resignation of Commissioner

Motion by Durbin, Seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Approve Minutes of September 17, 2020 meeting

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

4. New Business

a. Resignation of Commissioner

Hallquist received a letter of resignation from Sandi Roepke. Simmons commented on the need for additional members and that he may have someone interested. Commissioners will stop at City Hall to get new Senior Advisory brochures to hand out to local seniors.

Motion by Durbin, Seconded by Simmons to accept resignation of Sandi Roepke from Senior Advisory Commission.

5. Senior Residence Updates

a. Harbor/Haven

Heilman shared the residents all had flu shots this morning. The Harbor has 4 open apartments, the Haven has 5 open and memory care is at zero. Reasoning for the opening is that anyone moving in must do a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine. According to the MDH, families are allowed inside visits starting on Saturday, Oct 17th. Heilman has been utilizing the City bus with rides in the country outings on Mondays and Fridays. They allow 6 people on the bus at one time and have half-hour bus trips.

b. Peace Villa

Simmons and Brenda Schmitz (via an email) shared that all community room events that would host outside visitors have been cancelled through the end of the year. Residents are using caution with outside appointments and helping to sanitize daily around the building. Residents are playing games and cards in the community room and participating in Bible studies, services and sing-a-longs. The CNA-Capital Needs Assessment has been completed and currently being reviewed by the USDA Rural Development before it gets submitted to the Mn Housing Finance Agency for the RRDL Program. There are \$629,000 in structural improvements, elevator replacement and sprinkler system upgrades needed.

c. Oak Grove

Stolp shared there are now 3 – One bedroom/den apartments available at \$1177/month. Carver Co CDA will be advertising on social media. For National Night Out they served boxed lunches from Hillcrest. The fitness room is now open for residents.

6. Senior Services/Project Updates

a. Senior Center

Closed until further notice.

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 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Residents must call City Hall and give one-weeks-notice for a reservation. All medical trips are to go through SmartLink.

c. Aging with Gusto

Kroells participated in the three (3) Friday sessions. She shared the program was concentrated around COVID.

d. National Night Out

Williams shared that it was probably not necessary for Senior Advisory to participate in National Night Out as most of attendees were young families/children.

7. Updates from Community

a. Carver County Public Health

Plummer shared there has been 39 cases of COVID in NYA since March and a significant increase in cases in North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. She continues to work on trace calls. She shared there will be a 40,000 vaccines (two shots each) coming out soon that will be given in two phases – healthcare works will receive it first, followed by long-term care. The City of NYA will be hosting a Second Harvest Food Distribution on Thursday, Oct 29th from 3-5pm in the City Hall north parking lot.

b. NYA City Council

Lagergren had updates on the following:

- Council is working on preliminary budget for 2021 and focusing on street repair. Concerns are with the tight funds coming from the State this next year.
- Highway 212 is on schedule, but all weather pending. Crews are working on the north lanes.
- Council and commission meetings will be virtual until at least the end of the year due to increased COVID numbers
- City service workers are planning on painting the pavilion.
- Elm Street municipal parking lot is having some improvements.

c. Carver County Sheriff's Department - Triad

No report.

Other comments:

- Durbin commented on the gas line break at Devonshire this last week and the great job our local emergency service volunteers did at notifying the neighborhood.
- Local Lions clubs are collecting popcan tabs – containers around the community in businesses and establishments.
- Friday, October 23rd is a Harvest Soup Drive-thru event at Willkommen Memorial Park organized by the West Carver Lions. Food from Northside Grill.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Williams, Seconded by Durbin to adjourn. Motion passed: 4-0.

Next scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9AM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hallquist, Economic Development Director