

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes – June 17, 2021 – 9:00am
NYA City Hall Council Chambers

Attendance:

Commission Members Present: LaVonne Kroells, Carolyn Durbin, Cathleen Williams, Kay Hampshire, Tom Simmons, Alan Krueger (City Council), Bill Hart, Mary Spille, Elroy Latzig
Advisors Present: Bonita Heilman (The Harbor), Lisa Johnson (The Harbor), AnneMarie Stolp (Oak Grove)
Community Representatives: Deputy Jordan Voigt, Dawn Plummer (CCPH)
Staff Present: Karen Hallquist (Economic Development Director), Steve Helget (City Administrator)
Others Present:

1. Call meeting to order

Kroells called the meeting to order at 9am.

2. Oath of Office

Hart, Spille, and Latzig recited the Oath of Office. All were welcomed to the commission.

3. Adopt agenda

Motion: CW/CD to approve agenda. Motion passed 8-0.

4. Approve minutes from May 20, 2021

Motion: TS/CW to approve minutes with the correction of 3. date change from February 16, 2021 to March 18, 2021. Motion passed 8-0.

5. Updates

Monitor and expand housing options for seniors –

4.1 Senior Residence Updates

a. Harbor / Haven

Heilman introduced Lisa Johnson, the new Life Enrichment Specialist for The Harbor. Heilman will be assisting Johnson with activity planning. There are 8 open apartments at The Harbor, 7 open in The Haven, and one open in Reflections. As of May 27th, the facility is fully open with masks required at all times. They are offering a “refer a friend” program with the private pay option.

b. Peace Villa

Heilman reported 100% occupancy at Peace Villa. The RRDL construction project is moving forward. Schmitz is organizing the summer picnic today.

c. Oak Grove

Stolp reported there are no openings to date. They had their first resident/community function last night with a pizza party. Their garage has been cleaned and all keys to doors have been changed out to fobs.

Provide safe options for seniors to get around –

4.2 City Bus

City Administrator Steve Helget gave a report on the City bus:

- Bus was originally funded through a MnDOT grant that Ecumen wrote on behalf of the City. Grant requires the bus to run at a minimum of 32 hours per week.
- Due to COVID, the bus service was shut down. Helget had meeting with Heilman, Johnson, Schmitz, Maria Samuelson (SmartLink) and Alan Herrmann (SmartLink) to research how to get the bus back up and running.
- Former main clients were MRCI, Summerwood of Chanhassen, Peace Villa and St. John's. Currently, Summerwood uses the bus Monday and Friday's for a few hours, Encore will be starting up soon and St. John's uses their own bus.
- \$1,500 budgeted for bus subsidy every year which pays for the driver and maintenance on the bus. Schmitz recommended free trips in town and \$5 for out of town trips.
- Outings are being discussed and will be scheduled on an annual basis with staffed and non-staffed events.
- Current schedule is 1st & 3rd Tuesday's are to Family Dollar/Kwik Trip, 2nd & 4th Tuesday's are for Waconia/Mackenthun's/Aldi/Target and 5th Tuesday is Coborn's in Glencoe.

- Dist 108 Community Ed was contacted to see if bus outings can be scheduled through them – more details to come.

Identify and promote education and social options for seniors -

4.3 NYA Senior Center – Kroells shared that the Senior Center will open again in September

4.4 Carver County Public Health

Plummer shared that employees of CCPH are still working from home except for vaccine clinics. 70.4% of Carver County residents over 16 years old are vaccinated. They are working on getting the Minnesota Department of Health Vaccine Bus to have an event in NYA. Hallquist shared the clinic could also be held at the Pavilion.

Plummer confirmed that vaccines are readily available.

4.5 Carver County Sheriff’s Department

Deputy Voigt reported on the following from last month’s meeting:

- Rent A Wrestler – Yes, this program is still going. Hallquist will contact John Michels for more information. Would be good information for the newsletter – along with other groups to help with house maintenance.
- TriAd Presentation – Voigt has the information to hold a Lunch & Learn on identity theft, security, scams, etc. Plummer shared that CCPH has \$300 budgeted for an event. All events previously held at Peace Villa – could be held at the Pavilion.
- Medication Take Back Day – There is no formal day for this event, however the Waconia District Office, Sheriff’s Office in Chaska and Chanhassen Office all accept medication take backs 24/7. Another item for the newsletter.

6. New Business

6.1 Updated Senior Resource List & Emergency Questions – in June Newsletter

Hallquist shared the resource list was in the June newsletter. They will also be available at the senior facilities, online and the library. It was suggested to add the Food Shelf address to the list.

6.2 SHIP Funds

Hallquist shared that Active Living funds are available including water filling stations, community garden improvements and benches.

Motion: TS/CD to apply for SHIP Funds to purchase two benches to be placed near the underpass. Motion passed 8-0.

7. NYA City Council Update

Krueger reported the following:

- The City is having repairs done on 45 monuments at Mau Cemetery
- Shanahan Construction is doing the restoration of the Historic Bandshell for Legion Park
- Hwy 212 trail lighting will be installed soon
- Hwy 212 Expansion from Carver to Cologne is 5% completed.
- City Council is discussing how to handle dogs in the ballparks – dog parks are an attraction for recreational activities in communities.
- Kudos to the NYA FD for participating at all of the cemeteries on Memorial Day
- Historic Downtown YA mural will be starting in July.
- June is Purple Month with the celebration of Prince – reception at the Arts Consortium of Carver County in Chaska will be on June 17th starting at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

Motion: CW/BH to adjourn at 10:12am. Motion passed 8-0.

Next Senior Advisory Meeting – Thursday, July 15, 2021 @ 9:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Hallquist, Economic Development Marketing Director