



**Senior Advisory Commission Minutes**  
**July 15, 2021**  
**City of NYA Council Chambers**

**Attendance:**

**Commission Members Present:** Carolyn Durbin, Kay Hampshire, Bill Hart, Elroy Latzig, Lois Schultz, Mary Spille

**Advisors Present:** Lisa Johnson (Harbor/Haven)

**Community/City Representatives Present:** Alan Krueger (City Council), Karen Hallquist (Economic Development/Marketing Director), Angela Brumbaugh (City Clerk/Treasurer), Deputy Jordan Voigt (CC Sheriff's Office)

**Others Present:** Carol Lagergren

**1. Call meeting to order**

Vice-Chair Durbin called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

**2. Adopt agenda**

*Motion by Hart, second by Hampshire to adopt an amended agenda with the following additions: 4.7 Pharmacy Concerns and 5.3 National Night Out. Motion passed 7-0.*

**3. Approve minutes from June 17, 2021**

*Motion by Spille, second by Krueger to adopt minutes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.*

**4. Updates**

***Monitor and expand housing options for seniors***

**4.1 Senior Resident Updates**

- a. Harbor/Haven:** Johnson shared 13 open apartments in the Harbor/Haven with 2 open apartments in Reflections. The facility is currently open with masks required at all times.
- b. Peace Village:** No report at this time.
- c. Oak Grove:** Hampshire shared that Oak Grove is celebrating National Night Out on August 3rd with a noon meal. There are currently no empty apartments.

***Provide safe options for seniors to get around***

- 4.2 City Bus Updates:** Brumbaugh shared information on a recent meeting with SMARTlink (city bus scheduler). Discussion focused on senior concerns (expressed in survey) regarding better and easier access to signup and pickup.



Spille suggested adding a dedicated city phone line for bus signup. Hallquist will research costs and add to the 2022 Senior Advisory budget.

Additional recommendations - shorter times between pickup and return trips at events, including Stiftungsfest; for big groups (e.g., Music in the Park) use both buses; research options for door to door pick up and drop off; market bug trips through community education and church bulletins.

***Identify and promote education and social options for Seniors***

- 4.3 NYA Senior Center:** Durbin shared the following - center will reopen in September; may contact churches to provide meals; need more committee members
  
- 4.4 Carver County Public Health:** Hallquist shared that the MDH Vaccine Bus will be at the Taste of NYA in the food shelf parking lot. Pre-registration and identification are not required. Must be 18 years of age to receive Johnson and Johnson one dose vaccine.
  
- 4.5 Carver County Sheriff's Department:** A subcommittee of Lagergren, Spille and Krueger (with support from Deputy Voigt) will research setting up a lunch and learn calendar for 2021-2022. They will review dates, locations and potential topics. Suggestions include security/scans and insurance.  
  
Voigt also shared that communities east of NYA are experiencing an increase in motor vehicle theft. Reminder to keep your vehicles locked.
  
- 4.6 House maintenance assistant resources:** Hallquist shared that she is waiting for a response from Coach Michels regarding the Rent a Wrestler program. Deputy Voigt offered to contact Coach Kosek about adding football players to the program.
  
- 4.7 Pharmacy concerns:** Schultz shared concern about the collaboration between insurance companies and pharmacies that promote privileged status. Discussion on the increased cost of using local pharmacies and the resulting risk of losing our local pharmacy. Hallquist will share contact information for local legislators for commission members to share concerns. Recommendation to shop local when possible.



**5. New Business**

**5.1 2022 Senior Advisory Preliminary Budget:** Hallquest shared current budgeted items to include adding a dedicated phone line for bus scheduling and monies for Music in the Park. More information will be available at the next meeting.

**5.2 SHIP funds for benches:** Monies have been requested and benches ordered. Recommendation to locate at least one bench will be located at Kehrer Park.

**5.3 National Night Out:** Durbin shared that last year's booth had little traffic. Recommendation to share a booth with the city. Date: August 3rd from 6:00-7:30 PM.

**6. NYA Council Update**

Krueger shared the following: Steve Helget has resigned his position as city administrator and will leave at the end of July; a consultation firm has been hired to organize the search process; current city projects include Oak Land and Second Avenue, a new sidewalk project on Wilson Street, continuing to research options to update Old Town, restoration of the Mau center, and the new mural on the Willkommen Park Grandstand.

**7. Adjournment**

*Motion by Hampshire, second by Schultz to adjourn at 10:03 AM. Motion passed 7-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hallquist, Economic Development/Marketing Director