

City of Wixom  
Senior Citizen Commission Meeting  
49015 Pontiac Trail  
March 13, 2023

Approved  
6-12-2023

Chairperson Korleski called the meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 11:09 am with the following individuals in attendance:

Commission: Jean Korleski, Anna Contreras, Joan Roberts, George Carty, Mary Grant, and Judy Celinski

Absent: Linda Halseth

Staff: Tina Sirls, Administrative Secretary to City Manager

Public: None

Determination of Quorum:

A quorum of the Senior Citizen Commission was present for this meeting.

Changes or additions to the Agenda

Chairperson Korleski stated there were two topics to add to the agenda, senior center signage and patronizing local businesses. There was discussion that there needs to be a better sign so patrons know where the senior center is located. Ms. Burnham stated that there is going to be a possible line item in the budget for increasing attendance. Possibly funds could be used to order new signage. Judy Celinske said she heard that Oakland County has given Covid funds to all the senior centers. She would like accountability for the funds received. The group brought up the broken door in the senior center stating they do not want funds to be used to fix the door.

Chairperson Korleski stated that at the St. Patrick's Day party the corn beef was very chewy. All the patrons felt the corn beef was not good. A caterer from Ann Arbor was used. She said we should patronize local caterers. Ms. Burnham said the caterers in this area were very expensive and the budget didn't allow for the extra expense. Judy Celinske said maybe the funds provided from Oakland County could have been used or monies from the 50/50 drawing. Chairperson Korleski said that the price of the summer picnic could be deferred with available funds. Vice-Chairperson Anna Contreras brought in a flyer from a time when West Lake Senior Living came in and cooked the corn beef for them. Mary Grant said a lot of the senior communities will sponsor events. Chairperson Korleski said that Ms. Burnham should query the patrons before another party to hear their recommendations.

### Approval of the December 12 2022 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Korleski motioned for the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes to be approved. Vice-Chairperson Anna Contreras was first to approve the minutes and Mary Grant was the second to approve the meeting minutes.

### Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

### Call to Public:

No public present

### Unfinished Business:

Chairperson Korleski stated that memorial plaque needs to be updated. She needs to get the updated list. Ms. Burnham said the memorial plaque is being displayed in the senior center. Chairperson Korleski will take the updated list of names and plaque to the gentleman who does the tags so the plaque can be up to date. She said she will give him a \$100 Amazon gift card for his work. Funds for the gift card will be taken from the Senior Citizens Activities fund.

The Mexican Train game has not been ordered yet. Vice-Chairperson Anna Contreras said she didn't want to purchase the game until she knew it would be utilized at the center. She believes the seniors should be asked about their interest level before the money is spent. George Carty said to bring in the game and teach the members how to play and then you will know the interest. Mary Grant said maybe it could be a pop-up event. Judy Celinske said maybe it can be done on a Tuesday. Ms. Burnham said Tuesdays have not been a good day for games at the center. Mary Grant said it should be done along with a pot luck to get more people interested.

*Note: Melissa Burnham sent an email on 3/14/2023, Mexican Train- 'Learn to Play Mexican Train' April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Max 14. Carry in, beverages provided*

### New Business:

Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham stated she is very excited about the Senior membership numbers. She believes by the end of the June the numbers will exceed 181. Ms. Burnham, the Senior Coordinator continued to go over the numbers for Fitness, Enrichment, Trips, Health and Events/Programming, Equipment loan program, Assistance to Seniors and Community, and Games. Ms. Burnham said some classes and events had to be cancelled due to winter storms and that February was a slower month for participation based on illness, surgeries, and vacations.

Ms. Burnham asked that the current board member try and attend more events so the other patrons see the board participating which might help elevate interest.

The Senior Coordinator talked about the programming and calendars she has ready for March and April. She added an overnight trip to Atlantic City in April. There was discussion about the casino trips in the last few months. Ms. Burnham said the numbers have to be bigger or the trips

will be cancelled. There were 0 participants for the Windsor Casino in January and the February Casino trip to Cleveland was cancelled due to low registration. The What It's worth event had to be cancelled twice due to bad weather.

She said the seniors would be working together with Parks and Recreation to stuff Easter Baskets in March.

Ms. Burnham said that the Senior Coordinator goals are for the seniors to be active at all the nearby Senior Centers. She is in contact with the coordinators from Novi, Milford and other centers. Judy Celinske asked if we could see if Walled Lake would reconsider their position on a senior center. Ms. Burnham told the group that she and the City Manager had reached out to them but there is no interest.

Judy Celinske asked about the Wixom Fire Department coming to speak to the seniors. She said she got a tour of the Fire Department and it was a great learning experience. Ms. Burnham said that will be coming up. She is trying to have the different departments come and talk with the seniors; this way the seniors are aware of the resources they can use.

Chairperson Korleski asked if there were any questions on the Senior Activities Fund. There were no questions. It was stated the numbers did not include the St. Patrick's Day party.

#### Second Call to Public:

No public present

#### Staff Comments:

Melissa Burnham restated that she would love to start seeing board members attend more of the activities and events going on at their senior center.

#### Commission Comments:

Commission member, George Carty asked about scheduling a trip to the DIA in May so they can see the James Bond exhibit. There was discussion that the trips to the DIA are usually too short to include the special exhibits and you have to spend a lot of time waiting in line to get tickets for the exhibits. Judy Celinske said when she saw the Vincent Van Goh exhibit the lines weren't that long waiting for tickets.

Commission member, Mary Grant asked if there is an AED machine in the building. Nobody knew if there was one but everyone agreed they should have one placed in the senior center. George Carty said they should have a training on how to use the machine too.

*Note: Melissa Burnham sent an email on 3/14/2023. I spoke to the DIA and they have no knowledge of a James Bond event at the DIA. We are scheduled for our regular trip to the DIA (free) on May 16<sup>th</sup> 12-3:30 PM*

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Chairperson Korleski. Judy Celinske approved the motion and Commission member Mary Grant seconded the motion. The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:55 am