

City of Wixom
Senior Citizen Commission Meeting
49015 Pontiac Trail
March 18, 2024

Chairperson Korleski called the meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 11:05 am with the following individuals in attendance:

Commission: Jean Korleski, Anna Contreras, George Carty, Judy Celinski, and Kathleen McLaurin

Absent: Mary Grant (excused) Joan Roberts (excused)

Staff: Melisa Burnham, Senior Coordinator
Steve Brown, City Manager

Public

Angelica Ilkanayeva

Determination of Quorum:

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

Changes or additions to the Agenda

No changes or additions to the agenda.

Approval of the September 12, 2023 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Korleski motioned for the December 11, 2023 meeting minutes to be approved. Commission member George Carty was first to approve the minutes and Commission member Judy Celinski was the second to approve the meeting minutes.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

Call to Public:

Angelica Ilkanayeva, no comment

Tabled Motions:

No tabled motions for this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business

Chairperson Jean Korleski welcomed the newest Senior Commission member, Kathleen McLaurin. Senior Coordinator, Melisa Burnham welcomed Kathleen and told the Commission members that Kathleen is active in the Senior Center playing cards, going to classes, attending fitness classes and trips. She also teaches knitting to members.

Chairperson Jean Korleski gave an update on the donations for the Michigan Veterans. There have been 3 car loads of items taken from the Senior Center to the Wixom VFW. Melisa said there are more items in the Center for another trip to the VFW. The VFW will be using a van to transport all the items to downtown Detroit. Melisa brought up completing another fundraiser in the fall. All the commission members loved the idea. She asked who would like to take the task on for fall 2024. Jean Korleski stated she would reach out to Pam at the VFW to see if they would like more donations. The commission thought the fall would be a great time for coats, socks, and heavier clothing to be donated.

Melisa went on to explain that member numbers continue to grow. Currently they are seven members away from last year's membership and they still have until June 2024. The commission discussed how the rolling membership fee makes it convenient for members to join whenever they wish too.

Fitness numbers have been picking up. December and January are always slower months due to the holidays. Travel and weather. Senior Fitness, Zumba Gold, Line Dancing and Chair Yoga have all increased in the past month.

Scheduled trips will start up again in March. They are always a bit relaxed during December and January.

Chair Volleyball is really growing and Wixom will be hosting a tournament with the senior centers in Milford and Novi. They just ordered a new, standard size net which is 14 feet. There are lots of new members playing chair volleyball. The events and programs are all going well.

Melisa explained that the pop-up events are events that she only gives a couple of days' notice for via email. She said the Paczkis and Puzzles was very popular with 23 members attending.

Melisa has been networking the loan closet and sharing resources with the Milford and Northville senior centers. She has reached out to the Richardson Center but has not received a response from them.

The Senior Coordinator covered the assistance to senior's portion of the meeting. She included the community events that are in the area the seniors can attend. 4 cards were sent to Seniors for illness and surgery. There were donations of food, toiletries and \$120.00 cash made to Hospitality House. The Seniors also collected plastic bags that are made into mats for the homeless. They adopted 2 siblings through the Lakes Area Youth Assistance. Each child received 25 gifts. Two separate donations were made to Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Supporting Education Stability During Residency Uncertainty program; items donated were shoes, gift bags with teddy bears, games, coat, scarves and gloves.

City Manager, Steve Brown mentioned that The City of Wixom Gala was successful and the charity that benefited was the McKinney Vento program. This is the same program that the Seniors made two separate donations. The Hospitality House Gala was held the night before the City of Wixom Gala, next year they plan on consolidating their efforts into one gala.

The Senior Coordinator shared the financial statement for the Senior Commission. She apologized to the commission because she forgot to reduce the ticket prices by \$5 for the St. Patrick's Day party. The commission agreed that they will take the \$5 off the Sweet Summertime party that will be held this summer.

Melisa ended the meeting with a list of upcoming events planned for March, April and May. Zehnder's, casino trip, Museum in Ann Arbor, a tour of the Leader Dog for the Blind headquarters in Rochester Hills and a trip to

the Wolcott Metro Park for a class on tapping trees for maple syrup. They will also be attending the Encore theater and Purple Rose theaters. She said that the April/May calendars and newsletters are now out.

Chairperson Jean Korleski commended Melisa for a job well done and for being so energetic and giving. Commissioner Kathy McLaurin said that Melisa loves working with Senior Citizens. The whole commission was stating that Melisa is fantastic and positive.

Second Call to Public:

Angelica Ilkanayeva, no comment

Staff Comments:

No staff comments

Commission Comments:

Commission member, Judy Celinske brought up the need for signage on the community center building, next to the sliding door. She said it should say community center and then list the senior center and parks and recreation. City Manager, Steve Brown told Judy her comments were timely because the city is working on marketing and branding for the city along with changing the city logo. They will discuss the need for signage on the building. There is no projected date at this point but Mr. Brown said they have to consider scope, cost and the spread of the project. The commission members shared stories of how many seniors have been confused and unable to find the center due to lack of signage.

The commission discussed the need to update the memorial plaque since Sandy and Sue passed. The Senior Coordinator said she will keep a list of deceased members and the plaque can be updated yearly. Chairperson Korleski reminded everyone that the next Senior Commission Meeting will be held on June 17th at 11 am.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Chairperson Korleski. Commissioner, Judy Celinski approved the motion and Commission member Kathleen McLaurin seconded the motion. The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:45 am.

APPROVED
6-17-24