

**CITY OF WIXOM  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL  
TUESDAY, January 8, 2019 (Corrected minutes)**

Chairman Korleski called the meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

**Commission:** Jean Korleski, Anna Contreras, Larry Grant, Joan Roberts, and Judy Celinske.

**Absent:** Connie Salvati

**Staff:** Steve Brown (City Manager), Sheryl Lucas (Administrative Assistant to City Manager), Susan Stevens (Senior Coordinator)

**Public:** Ken Michlewicz, Suzie Bogrow, Shirley Pfeffer, Christine King, and Lorna Gillis.

**Determination of a Quorum:**

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

**Changes or Additions to the Agenda:**

Chairperson Korleski stated there were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**November 13, 2018 Meeting Minute questions**

Chairperson Korleski She asked if anyone had questions regarding the minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting. Mr. Grant said he did not think the minutes were detailed enough. He pointed out that through the discussion in the meeting, questions were not always answered. From now on in if a question is not answered it will be listed in a tabled discussion so there can be follow-up.

Chairperson Celinske asked why the membership numbers are down. Mrs. Stevens is looking at why some members are not re-joining. Mr. Brown said they would look at the membership; Chairperson Korleski said maybe a membership drive would help. Suzie Bogrow said the renovations had an impact and that some

seniors are not aware the Senior Lounge is open again. She also pointed out that without the bi-monthly mailers some seniors have no idea what is happening. Chairperson Korleski said given the population and our decreasing numbers we need to do the bi-monthly mailers. Mr. Brown suggested we send out one mailer and see if it increases activity and membership. Chairperson Celinske suggested we let people register and get extra months of membership at no charge. Chairperson Korleski said that would upset the members that registered and are only getting 12 months of membership. Chairperson Roberts stated she does not agree with sending only one mailer; she believes that we should continue mailing them out six times a year. Mrs. Stevens said we have approximately 220 with member information and then some that haven't been registered for a couple of years so that would make it about 280 to mail. Chairperson Contreras said that other centers have some available for members that come into the Center and then mail out the rest. Mrs. Stevens will send out mailers for May/June and July/August; she will monitor the results.

Mr. Grant said he spoke with Rosemary Tag and Rosemary was unaware of what was happening because she doesn't use the computer and she wasn't receiving mailers.

Chairperson Korleski asked if the decision was made on getting a bagel cutter and toaster for the senior kitchen. Ken Michlewicz is willing to donate the bagel cutter. Mr. Brown said as long as they are only used in the kitchen and that everyone cleans up after themselves there shouldn't be a problem. Ken Michlewicz will bring in the bagel cutter and they will look for a toaster too.

### **Approval of November 13, 2018 Senior Commission Meeting**

**Minutes:** \_\_\_\_\_ Motion to approve meeting minutes was made by Chairperson Korleski. Vice Chairperson Anna Contreras approved the minutes and Commissioner Joan Roberts seconded the motion.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

### **Call to the Public**

Suzi Bogrow stated that she bags the bagels donated and she only has small Ziploc bags to use. Mrs. Stevens said she is getting larger Ziploc bags, they just ran out.

Suzi Bogrow also said that back in the 1990's when the taxpayers voted for this building it was supposed to be a community center and senior center. She also said they use to have lots of daily activities, such as making baskets, doing crafts and painting classes that didn't cost \$85 to take. All the seniors get to do now is play cards. She said they use to have Wii bowling and armchair volleyball. Chairperson Korleski said it would be a great incentive for seniors to have all these activities. Chairperson Celinske and Suzie Bogrow said that we need to go back to the activity clipboards instead of the book. Only one person can look at the book at a time and it is better and easier to have the clipboards out for everyone to look through together.

Christine King said the City marquee should be used to advertise some of the senior activities and exercise classes. Christine said she still is not getting the weekly emails. Mrs. Stevens said to stop by and give her the email address so she can verify she has the correct one. Suzie Bogrow said she can't always open the attachments on her phone. Mrs. Stevens said she sends all attachments as PDF's. Mr. Brown said next time it happens to show Mrs. Stevens the phone so she can help. Christine King suggested we hold our bi-monthly meetings when there isn't an exercise class so more people can attend. Chairperson Grant said the meetings are held on the odd months. Christine King said the meeting could be advertised on the marquee. Mrs. Stevens said that Tuesdays are the slowest day at the senior center.

Chairperson Korleski said that it sounds like it is important to go back to the clipboards and not the book so the seniors can be happy and find the activity information. It was agreed that the clipboards would be back by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Ken Michlewicz stated that he wishes the whiteboard could be used again to show the weekly activities. Mrs. Stevens said she just found the whiteboard. Ken also asked if the exercisers had been approached to get senior memberships, because they would save money on some of the classes. Mrs. Stevens said she has approached the Drums Alive group and the Zumba class too. Ken also shared that the different senior centers use to have a progressive lunch. The seniors would start at one senior center and have appetizers and visit and then continue on to the next center. Mr. Brown said it sounded like a senior pub crawl minus the

alcohol. Mr. Michlewski said they would get a school bus for everyone and some people car pooled. Everyone loved the idea of doing that in the spring or summer.

Shirley Pfeffer asked about the senior sign that use to hang over the entrance. Mr. Brown said they would try to find it but he was thinking of ordering a new sign that says Community/Senior Lounge. (Tabled) Shirley then stated she thinks we need a tape recorder for the minutes. The senior center in Milord has a tape recorder. It was agreed that we would have a few more meetings with the new recording secretary to see if everyone was happy with the minutes.

Suzie Bogrow asked if the City would supply the main dish and cake for the monthly birthday bingo potluck. Mr. Brown said he would look over the budget to see. (Tabled)

Chairperson Korleski asked Lorna Gillis if she wanted to make any comments or ask questions. Lorna Gillis said she was just there to listen.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

There was discussion already regarding the senior center lounge sign and Mr. Brown is looking in to ordering a new one. (Tabled)

The following items were tabled in the November 13, 2018 meeting:

Vice Chairperson Contreras stated that we have bagels delivered twice a week but no longer have the cutter or toaster to enjoy them. Mr. Brown said he would look into the toaster. (Tabled)

Chairperson Korleski asked if the board could purchase a couch. Steven Brown said it would still be a maintenance problem. She asked about a possible pleather material couch. Mr. Brown said we will see how it goes.(Tabled)

Mr. Brown pointed out that the senior lounge is used in different ways so they are not sure about putting up the sign. He is trying to figure out which way to go on this subject. (Tabled)

### **Information: Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement**

Chairperson Grant took us through the Financial Statement commenting that the 50/50 raffle amounts had been added to the revenue and that the \$135 for Angela Hospice had been deducted from the finances. The balance as of January 8, 2019 is \$1773.66.

There was discussion regarding enticements for more people to attend/register for activities. Chairperson Korleski suggested that the summer picnic be \$2 less for registered members, so they only have to pay \$8 and not \$10. Susan Stevens said she believes the summer picnic will be on June 20, 2019 and she already has a sponsor for the food. She will confirm that with Chairperson Korleski. (Tabled) Another suggestion was you only pay \$8 for the picnic if you bring a friend that registers with the senior center. Mr. Brown said he wants to think of some other incentive ideas (Tabled) Chairperson Joan Roberts suggested an open house. Mrs. Stevens said another idea would be to bring a friend to exercise class and if they join you get a free class.

Recording secretary, Mrs. Marsh, will provide a list of items tabled from the November and January senior commission meetings.

### **Final Call to the Public:**

Shirley Pfeffer asked why the seniors have to pay for the different parties if the food that is provided is free. Mrs. Stevens will be looking at cutting cost for members but it will be on an individual party basis. Shirley Pfeffer asked if there is a budget for giveaways and freebies. Mrs. Stevens said she included the giveaways in the budget. Chairperson Korleski said a better idea might be to give away more gift cards but with less amounts, so more people can win. Shirley said it would be great if we had some free events. Chairperson Grant suggested Opening Day could be one of the free events.

Suzie Bogrow asked where the Wii was. No one has been able to find it since the renovation. She said she had one that she could bring in but it might need controllers. Mrs. Marsh added that she might have some controllers she could drop off for the Wii. Suzie also said there use to be ice cream socials sponsored by the city. They would provide the ice cream and the seniors would bring in the toppings.

Chairperson Larry Grant asked if he could get a summary of event costs. (Tabled)  
Susan Stevens said entertainment is about \$250 per event, such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. She shared that she has two vendors that will be sponsoring food and entertainment in the upcoming months.

Ken Michlewicz stated that the Dublin Senior Center provides free breakfast for seniors twice a year because the mayor and city council solicit businesses for donations. He also said that Tom Slayton of Enriched Life Home Services provides free entertainment, guitar playing, fun bingo and others too. Ken mentioned that he had a bowling league going for four years playing funky bowling, bowling blind folded, backwards and other funny ways to bowl.

**Commission Comments:**

Chairperson Celinske said she thought this was a very productive meeting.  
Chairperson Korleski said that if there is more transparency the seniors can be a big help because they are a frugal group.

Ken Michlewicz said he read the City of Wixom City Council meeting minutes and there was a grant given to the City of Wixom to assist senior citizens in Wixom with construction projects. Mr. Brown said he wasn't sure what Ken was referring to but he assumed it would be a CBG funding grant. That is handled through the Community Services Department and they would need to talk to Deanna Magee. It isn't anything that Susan Stevens could help them with.

**Staff Comments:**

Chairperson Korleski asked Susan Stevens to share some of the ideas she has for the seniors. Susan Stevens said these haven't been confirmed but she is working on a Vegas/Casino event where seniors can win chips that could help them earn prizes. Her other idea is a day trip to Top Golf in Auburn Hills. At Top Golf you golf virtually and they provide food and drinks. Chairperson Celinske said that Top Golf is a lot of fun. Susan is also working on some other events with surrounding senior centers.

Suzie Bogrow said they use to do miniature golf and lunch at Holden's in the summer. Susan Stevens said that was something they could do again.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Chairperson Korleski. Chairperson Larry Grant approved the motion and Commissioner Anna Contreras seconded the motion. The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.