

**WELLINGTON
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 14, 2016 - 3:30 PM
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Sampson Nebb, Sharon Lascola, Howard Trager, Veronica McCue, Mary Kastner, Jose Soto, Sally Schwartz

Members Absent:

Village Staff: Bruce DeLaney, Daryl Boyd, Meridith Tuckwood

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nebb made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Ms. Schwartz gave the second and the agenda was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. June 9, 2016

Ms. Kastner made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Nebb requested the minutes be amended to reflect that Ms. Lascola was referring to the senior survey results when she said she thought "Wellington didn't want apartments." All agreed and the minutes were approved with the amendment.

IV. Presentations

A. Senior Service Division Strategic Plan

Meridith Tuckwood gave a presentation on programs and services related to the Strategic Plan for the Senior Services Division. She specifically mentioned the Senior Symposium series and its growth as well as the future schedule. She also spoke about the advocacy efforts and one on one services offered by the Division. She purported on the growth of the senior transportation program and plans for the future. She talked about the participation of the InterFaith group and how they assist members of the community. She also announced the first senior newsletter, Prime Time News, has been completed and sent to seniors. And finally she appealed to the Committee for help in spreading the word about programs and services.

Ms. Schwartz asked if the information presented could be distributed in writing. Ms. Tuckwood indicated she would distribute.

Ms. Kastner asked if staff could suggest material for the HOA newsletters that are typically distributed. Ms. Tuckwood indicated sharing information back and forth would be valuable. Mr. Trager added that the Golden Banner would be featuring senior services over the next several months. He also suggested that there is a list of HOA's that could be a valuable resource.

Mr. Trager mentioned that one of the things that came out of the meeting with the Manager was the need for volunteers. He suggested we create a volunteer effort to assist seniors and schools. He suggested that the committee work with the Education Committee to identify volunteer opportunities in the schools.

Mr. Trager asked what Ms. Tuckwood would ask the committee to do. Ms. Tuckwood indicated that communication was important. The members have friends and groups they are associated with so it was important that they share information with those groups as well as let staff know of needs they hear of. She also said she was looking for suggestions.

Mr. DeLaney mentioned that staff was interested in starting a directory of programs and opportunities that exist in the community. He asked that the committee share any knowledge of such opportunities with staff so the list can be created. He also asked that the committee submit input for new topics for the symposiums.

Mr. Soto mentioned he works with organizations that need volunteers and he could send contact information to staff.

Ms. McCue suggested nutrition as a topic for symposiums.

Mr. Soto mentioned he knows of an organization that provides chef's to give cooking lessons and would forward contact information.

V. Old Business

Mr. Nebb asked if there were any updates concerning the possibility of a cultural and/or center. Ms. Lascola mentioned she had no updates but it was still in process. Mr. Trager mentioned that due to some of the results in the recently conducted survey, it did not appear that the population was interested necessarily in a senior only center. He suggested seniors are more active and would prefer programs such as travel expo. Mr. DeLaney indicated that the national trend was moving away from senior only centers and more toward multi-generational approach to community centers.

Mr. Trager asked about additional programming at the new community center. Mr. DeLaney indicated staff had put together a very good selection of programs to get started but that any ideas for programming could be directed to Michelle Garvey.

Mr. Soto suggested that the signs at the entrances to Wellington could be used to recruit volunteers.

Ms. McCue asked if the committee could create a plan for recruiting volunteers. Mr. Trager suggested she create an outline for a plan and he would contact the Education Committee.

VI. New Business

VII. Public Comment

Tony Fransetta congratulated the board on their appointments and thought they would do a good job. He suggested that the breakdown between the senior community and the Village was with the Council not listening to the board. He indicated that he would support the committee on their efforts for seniors. He also indicated he thought the last two elections were about equestrians and their interests and nothing about seniors. He also announced that the organization he helped to create, Florida Alliance for Retired Americans, was now able to endorse politicians. He mentioned that organization would participate in symposiums in Royal Palm Beach and candidate debates in the Acreage.

Members of the board thanked Mr. Fransetta for his work for seniors.

VIII. Board Comments

Mr. Nebb hoped everyone would be at the grand opening of the new community center and asked Mr. DeLaney to announce the times. Mr. DeLaney indicated the program would take place August 6th from 9:00am to noon. Attendees would have the opportunity to tour the facility and talk to instructors for programs scheduled to take place.

IX. Closing Comments

It was determined and agreed upon that the next meeting would be September 8, 2016.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Chairperson