

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2018 - 3:30 PM
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Howard Trager, Sampson Nebb, Veronica McCue, Sharon Lascola, and Jose Soto

Members Absent: Sally Schwartz, and Mary Kastner

Village Staff: Paulette Edwards, Scott Campbell, and Geneeka Morris

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

Mr. Trager, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Trager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Nebb, seconded by Ms. Lascola to approve the Agenda as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. November 9, 2018 SAC meeting

Mr. Nebb stated that the Minutes were well prepared and Ms. Morris did a great job.

A motion was made by Mr. Nebb, and seconded by Ms. Lascola to approve the Minutes as presented.

V. Staff Updates

Mr. Campbell presented an update on services and programs such as Symposiums, Health and Wellness, Newsletter, and the STAR Program. The Village was fortunate enough to secure MorseLife for this quarter's events to partner with us for the Health and Wellness Events, in which Wellington sponsors the Symposiums.

Dr. Elaine Rotenberg with Jewish Family Children's Services provided a presentation on mental health and the aging to 59 residents for November's Health & Wellness event. In addition, Ms. Lisa Sliney, licensed Agent with Bankers Life, provided information on Medicare and Medicaid and financing methods related to long-term care to 78 attendees during November's Symposium. The Senior Transportation and Rides Program, continues to provide outstanding service to our residents. In November, we provided 299 rides and added 7 new users, while in December we provided 290 rides and added 6 new users. The quarterly newsletter for Senior Services, Prime Time News, is almost ready to be sent out, but has space that we'd like to use

for the SAC. Specifically, we'd like to add the meeting dates/times for the next few months as well as the speakers and topics you planned to have at each meeting. Once completed, it will be delivered to 10,000 households with at least one member 55 and older.

Mr. Campbell also informed the Committee about the response he received from the Green Market and Food Truck event. Mr. Joe P. mentioned the Food Truck invasion was an option, but needed to know what dates the Senior Advisory Committee would like to be out there. Mr. Campbell spoke with the Green Market Coordinator, Kathy, and she informed Mr. Campbell that the Senior Advisory Committee could get a space there. She was just uncertain on as to how she would process the group, it would either be considered at the non-profit rate of \$10 per day or possibly run them as special guest invites (as they are tied to the Village) which would be free. However, the Committee would need to bring their own tents and weights, chairs and tables, and would need to fill out the appropriate registration forms/waivers and follow their guidelines (no wandering from booth, etc.).

Mr. Campbell finished by giving updates on questions that the Senior Advisory Committee asked during the last meeting:

Mr. Campbell mentioned Ms. Kastner informed Community Service that she would not be in attendance and stated by email that she had started working on a new Senior Survey, but wanted to see what has been done before to ensure she didn't repeat any flaws of the past effort.

Mr. Trager asked if the survey could be similar to the survey that was done in 2006.

Ms. McCue informed Mr. Trager that Ms. Kastner would draft a survey, making the Senior Advisory Committee similar to the Senior Task Force to look at the survey and decide what direction the Committee wanted the survey to go in.

Mr. Nebb mentioned that everything on the original senior task force survey distributed by the Village was never addressed. The only item that was passed from the survey was the Senior Transportation. Other requested items like bible study, senior housing or even a dedicated senior center was passed by the Committee but thrown out by Council. The seniors didn't want a Community Center. The seniors wanted a dedicated Senior Center on one level, and the items requested were not approved.

Mrs. Edwards informed the Committee that there is a new council since 2006, and the Committee should still follow through with the suggestion from a previous meeting, which was to let Ms. Kastner complete a draft of the survey and present it to the new Council.

Ms. Lascola asked for the following to be in place during the next Senior Meeting; papers be passed out and have a heading on them with the title (What would be your interest?), to assist Ms. Kastner in creating the senior survey.

Mr. Trager mentioned he would like the senior survey to be added in to the newsletter.

Mr. Nebb explained that he didn't see the purpose of the senior survey since the old survey was never honored.

Mr. Trager agreed with Mrs. Edwards in giving the new Council a chance. Mr. Trager explained that the Committee spent four years debating on items and nothing was ever done, but again this is a different Council.

Ms. McCue reflected back on Ms. Lascola's comment for having a very simple two to three question survey handed out prior to lunch starting, and it wouldn't take but a minute or two for the seniors to complete.

Mr. Trager disagreed with the suggestion and would rather wait for Ms. Kastner to come up with a broad survey.

Ms. McCue explained that the two to three question survey would be a part of Ms. Kastner's survey and wouldn't be separate. Mr. Trager responded no. Ms. McCue asked if the Committee could take a vote about it.

Mr. Nebb asked Mr. Campbell if the Food Truck Invasion operated by the Village or the Chamber of Commerce? Mr. Nebb previously asked the Chamber of Commerce if the Committee could set up a table with information. The Chamber of Commerce responded to Mr. Nebb by telling him no, because it was a sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce and the Committee could not have a table.

Mr. Campbell responded by saying he believed the Food Truck Invasion is currently done through the Village.

Ms. McCue made a motion to have a vote for a three to four question survey to help guide the direction of Ms. Kastner's survey not to take the place of the final survey. The Senior Advisory Committee could distribute the survey to the Senior Club or at the symposium to get feedback on what the seniors want to see implemented that would help seniors. Ms. Lascola seconded the motion.

The Committee continued to discuss the motion amongst each other.

Ms. Lascola was no longer present at the meeting.

Ms. McCue explained that the survey was for all the seniors, and the motion was just to help Ms. Kastner inform her decision. Ms. McCue regretted this conversation greatly because the conversation is being divisive.

Ms. McCue asked that the motion be tabled.

Mr. Campbell mentioned the final update from Ms. Kastner, regarding the Broadway Ziegfeld Entertainers, that Mr. Trager gave Ms. Kastner the phone number of Cecilia Torrisi who is in charge of entertainment for the Wellington Seniors Club. Ms. Kastner provided the number to her friend, Lillian Floyd, who is Treasurer of the Broadway Ziegfeld Entertainers and not only a Wellington resident but also a member of the Wellington Senior Club. At the Christmas luncheon/meeting, Ms. Floyd touched base with Ms. Torrisi and gave Ms. Torrisi her card. They will discuss the possibility another time.

Mr. Trager stated that one of the problems he can see right now was there is dressing room for the Broadway Ziegfeld Entertainers in the current facility.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Trager informed the Committee that Ms. Schwartz had fell in her home and was back in the hospital. Ms. Schwartz may be out four to six weeks.

Ms. McCue suggested that Mr. Soto would be a wonderful resource and should be a part of the committee that is over the Senior Wellness Fair.

Mr. Soto accepted the nomination, and stated he would be happy to work with the Committee.

Mr. Trager asked Mrs. Edwards about the HomeGrown Heroes.

Mrs. Edwards informed the Committee that she spoke with the Communications Department and needed to know what the selection criteria would be.

Ms. McCue asked if it would be right for the Senior Advisory Committee to become the panel and the Committee would make the criteria.

Mr. Nebb stated that he thinks not, because Mr. Trager was one of the important seniors that did a lot for seniors all throughout, but Mr. Trager wouldn't be able to be nominated because of this board.

Mrs. Edwards informed Mr. Nebb that Mr. Trager being Chair doesn't stop the Committee from voting on policies and programs or whatever the Committee would like to form.

Mr. Trager stated that the HomeGrown Heroes need to have a separate board and panel.

Ms. McCue asked, why because this would be another opportunity where the Senior Advisory Committee is doing something for the community and senior community. The Committee would be honoring senior citizens.

Mrs. Edwards stated that the Council is looking for the Senior Advisory Committee to make recommendations of programs and activities, and the Committee represents seniors. There should not be a separately formed committee that would govern it. Ms. Edwards thought that the program could come from the Senior Advisory Committee, and that it could just require a vote from the Committee.

Mr. Trager suggested that Ms. McCue could come up with the criteria for the HomeGrown Heroes and present the criteria at the next meeting.

Ms. McCue asked about the senior round table discussion to talk about how Chambers and businesses could help the seniors in the community see what they would be willing to do for seniors. Ms. McCue suggested that Ms. Lascola could help with it.

Mrs. Edwards asked that Ms. McCue's suggestions be deferred to the next meeting

VII. New Business

Mr. Soto would like to change the meeting time to 4:30pm or 5:00pm, so he can be more active with the Committee because 3:30pm is cutting it with the type of work he is in. The time change would benefit Mr. Soto but it is up to the Committee.

Mr. Nebb informed Mr. Soto that changing the time would be up to the Village because the Council Chambers room is occupied by other groups.

Mrs. Edwards stated that the Committee could make that suggestion, and Mrs. Edwards would then check the schedule to make sure if the meeting time was changed to an hour later to confirm that the room would be available. So that would not stop a suggestion or motion to change the meeting to 4:30pm.

Mr. Trager mentioned that he felt 3:30pm was fine and worked well personally speaking.

Ms. McCue stated that she would like to see that everyone be able to be actively involved in the meeting. Even if the meeting needs to be changed from 3:30pm to 4:30pm to help fit someone's schedule, Ms. McCue has no problem with the change.

Mr. Trager wanted to table the discussion of changing the meeting time until the next meeting.

Ms. McCue asked about an update on the Pierson Pier.

Mrs. Edwards informed Ms. McCue that she would report on the Pierson Pier at the next meeting.

VIII. Public Comments

None

IX. Board Comments

Ms. McCue explained her disappointment with the energy of the meeting and felt the Committee needed to let go of the past and look towards the future.

Mr. Nebb expressed how he felt about the boardwalk project. The Village should have decided what to do with this project and not present it before the Senior Advisory Committee.

Mr. Trager explained how there were days where the Senior Task Force made presentations and worked long hours to be told it's not going to be done. It was disheartening, but he did agree with Ms. McCue that the Committee needed to take two steps forward and one step back to get to the future.

Mr. Soto explained why he joined the Senior Advisory Committee. Mr. Soto had witnessed how seniors were being taken advantage of and wanted to make a difference.

Ms. McCue would like to get parking for 55 and older, and restaurants to host for the seniors for free. Ms. McCue would like people to say that Wellington is the best place to live because Wellington takes care of everybody from students, young families, and seniors.

Mr. Nebb explained when the Community Center was being designed, every senior asked for the Community Center to be on the first level, but instead the Village uses the building as a rental development for weddings and other things. There is no Senior Center.

Ms. McCue suggested that the Committee grabs what's in the Committees power and move forward because the Village is not changing the Community Center. The Committee needs to work with what the Senior Advisory Committee has, and let people see and get to know the wonderful things that the Committee would bring to the community.

Mr. Trager asked if the Senior Advisory Committee is an action committee or a committee that makes recommendations. Mrs. Edwards responded by explaining the Senior Advisory Committee is a committee that brings back recommendations.

The Senior Advisory Committee continued to discuss on the Committee's chartered mission.

X. Closing Comments

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ms. McCue, and seconded by Mr. Nebb. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Approved and Adopted:

Howard Trager, Chairperson

Date

Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary

Date