

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2018 - 3:30 PM
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Veronica McCue, Mary Kastner, Sampson Nebb, Sharon Lascola, and Jose Soto

Members Absent: Sally Schwartz, and Howard Trager

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

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

Ms. McCue, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. McCue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. January 11, 2018 SAC meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Nebb, and seconded by Mr. Soto 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 Morse Life for this quarter's events to partner with us for the Health and Wellness Events, in which Wellington sponsors the Symposiums where they had fifty people attend the presentation. Scott Greenberg, a nationally accredited Alzheimer's trainer, gave a presentation on Alzheimer's to about eighty people in attendance. The next presentation is scheduled for February 27th on aging gracefully.

Mr. Campbell reported that he did not have the numbers requested for the STAR program but, added 8 new users. He is currently working through the billing to pay off expenditures. There will be technology classes held today, and another scheduled class offered on Basic computer skills on March 1st from 4-5 pm at the community center. There will also be a repeat session on March 15th at the community center from 4-5 pm. They will also offer on Android training from 2-4 pm March 14th at the community services building.

Mr. Campbell also informed the Committee about the Peaceful Waters Project. He spoke to finance, and the application was sent over in December to Florida department of environmental protection. They will be review all 2018 applications, and will have a definite answer by mid-March according to their website.

III. Old Business

Ms. Kastner gave an update on the Senior Survey and made it broader to capture more information. The old survey was based on senior housing, assessment of budget and the number of people they had living in one's house. The new survey will focus on more broad terms such as economics, communication, shopping, more educational needs, other languages to learn, and a need for list of discounts for seniors. There are needs for more information on Exercise programs, Tai-chi, a walking group and possibly using the old boys and girls club for a walking trail. A health fair targeting seniors is needed along with recreational opportunities for seniors.

Ms. McCue asked how we would get this survey out to the community because putting them in water bills didn't work, since not all of the seniors have a water bill through the Village. Ms. Kastner was tasked with this to make this very broad so we can assure seniors are satisfied. We should be getting the survey out by announcing it at the senior club.

Mrs. Edwards stated that we can utilize our GIS department for the technology to identify where our seniors are, and utilize property appraisers to identify the population. The Village can assist with distributing the survey to our senior population.

The Committee continued to talk about the survey and how if we use this broader survey it will make it easier for everyone.

Ms. McCue stated that when we had asked for things in the past we usually got them, just like the benches at the Community Center. She further stated we should focus on what we have accomplished and how we are trying to build it.

Ms. Lascola stated the survey is too long and we are already doing transportation. We need the volunteering part to stay on the survey, take the economics off and keep education on the survey.

Ms. McCue asked if there were any other suggestions

Mr. Soto also said it's too long but makes sense, it's an idea but we can make changes to shorten the survey, even change the font.

Motion was made by Ms. McCue to vote on the survey to keep as written, and seconded by Ms. Kastner. The survey will be presented as written.

Ms. McCue talked about how the Volunteer program was started by working with all of the schools. The Media Center at Wellington middle was going to close but because of our ten seniors who volunteered, they were able to keep it open. This serves as a reward system to students. There are two other schools that need volunteers, and there are no criteria just that the volunteer wants to help kids. The volunteer program will be sent out again in the newsletter.

Ms. McCue also talked about Homegrown Hero's and how this idea came from Hometown Hero's. The criteria is the person has had to live here for twenty years or longer, 60 years or older and how they have made changes or contributions to the community. She also gave

examples of people that would be eligible. They would use stories for students using video coverage.

Ms. McCue motioned to vote for Homegrown Hero's.

Mr. Nebb asked who would we nominate and if so it must be a senior.

Ms. Lascola stated that they could nominate a friend or someone they knew.

Ms. McCue went over guidelines on documents. They must be submitted to Senior Advisory Committee or to the specialty services.

Mrs. Edwards asked who she was referring to as specialty services. She stated that we are the community services department and that all applications can go to either, and will be voted on by Senior Advisory Committee.

Mr. Soto asked if there would be a reward for whoever wins.

Ms. McCue stated there could be a certificate or a luncheon of 10-12 people.

Mrs. Edwards stated there could be annual recognition at council, or a video recording put in the Town-Crier, or on social media on part of the Village.

Ms. Kastner stated that could be a great way to continue to honor people for their accomplishments and this is a marvelous idea.

Ms. Kastner motioned to have draft be sent over to council and community services.

Ms. McCue motioned and all were in favor.

Mr. Soto would like to change the meeting time to 4:30pm, 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.

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.

Mrs. Edwards stated that the room would be available at 4:30pm if they needed to change it.

Mr. Nebb motioned it to move to 4:30pm and everyone was in favor.

Ms. McCue asked if there were any recap actions items but there were none.

IV. New Business

Mr. Nebb wanted to know why we are voting on things when we can pay three million for the boardwalk but we can't get funding for seniors

Ms. McCue stated that the seniors will use the boardwalk through a grant, and they had applied to the agency for money to fix the boardwalk. The Village isn't paying for this. The Village of Wellington applied for the grant and asked Mrs. Edwards if she was correct.

Mrs. Edwards stated that Ms. McCue was correct.

Mr. Nebb wanted to know why this isn't coming from Park and recreations board.

Mrs. Edwards stated the grant required buy-in from the committees and one of those is livability for seniors. The community represents seniors so as a senior, community, they could utilize the boardwalk. We like this idea that the village is going for this grant.

Mr. Soto this is a great way to create jobs and the money doesn't come from the village.

Ms. McCue asked Ms. Lascola if she had anything to add, but there was nothing to add concerning the boardwalk. She stated there needs to be smoke out ash trays at the community center for those who smoke.

Mrs. Edwards stated she will propose the idea and bring back the decision.

Ms. McCue added that they put the benches in very quickly and after meeting council they usually always follow through when they can.

Thank you to Mr. Campbell and Ms. Edwards for always taking our suggestions to council.

Ms. Lascola wanted to know about the health fair put on by the Village and have Mr. Soto help due to his background.

Ms. Lascola stated she is familiar with this setup and it has been used in the past. Royal Palm Beach has them and it was brought up to this committee and thinks they would be very successful.

Ms. McCue wants to know if the health fair is still happening

Mrs. Edwards said we could either have this late spring or over the summer. We will have enough information to come back with a proposed date for next meeting. We will reach out to Mr. Soto to help out and assist with the health fair.

Ms. Kastner wants to know what is happening with the old Boys and Girls club because we need a senior center.

Mrs. Edwards stated it is being used for a storage facility for the village and is not a viable option.

Ms. Lascola stated that they are always getting the same answers for that question.

Ms. McCue stated we will just have to find another place and wanted to know if there are any other new business items.

V. Public Comments

Ms. Snyder wanted to poll the audience for the meeting time because 3:30pm is the preferred time for the audience. She continued to talk about how we would like to assure that everyone can attend the meeting.

Mr. Soto stated that they could change it back to 3:30pm if it's more convenient for the audience.

Mrs. Edwards stated that we could defer the new meeting time until next meeting and then vote.

Mr. Nebb stated he can withdraw his vote to change the meeting time.

Ms. Snyder stated even 4:00pm could be the new meeting time and stated she didn't even know about the meeting until her neighbor told her.

Ms. McCue stated they will work on getting the notice out about the meetings with Community Services and be involved and make a difference.

Mr. Nebb stated the chair of this committee is the president for the senior luncheon, and that the meeting should be announced at the senior luncheon as well.

Ms. McCue stated that Mr. Campbell should present at the senior club luncheon.

Mr. Campbell said he presents it at the luncheon, symposium, health and wellness, and it also put out in the Primetime Newsletter which goes out to over 10,000 people. This has also been sent out via email to as well.

Ms. McCue stated that as we all tell our friends that this will be out there more and more.

Ms. Kastner stated this was our idea to put this in the Primetime newsletter and Ms. Edwards made this occur to help promote the meeting.

Ms. Lascola stated that certain things can't be posted within the bulletin because we are a separate identity. If people would complain enough, this would be changed and more people would know about the meetings.

Mr. Soto stated there were members there that wanted to speak.

Mrs. Edwards asked them to come forward and state their name.

Ms. Strauss lives in the Buena Vida community. She acknowledged Mr. Campbell for sending out a fabulous email about subjects and events that are in Wellington. She also belongs to the Wellington Senior Club and wants to know if they can put in the information about the senior advisory club. This is her first time that she knows she can attend the meeting. Buena Vida does a health fair every year, and the community participates. One of the things that is important to her is to have a booth for organ donation, to have a booth at the health fair, to be able to pass it out and be interested in the idea.

Mr. Soto explained he attended a health fair and one of the services is that if you give your organs, they will provide the funeral services.

Ms. Strauss wants to thank you for the health fair, and technology classes. Tai-chi and walking groups are very important and wants to know if there is a senior newspaper.

Ms. McCue Stated that it is called the PrimeTime News.

Ms. Strauss wants to know if we can put the information in the Primetime news.

Mrs. Edwards stated that over 10,000 people get the Newsletter

Mr. Nebb said that Ms. Lascola asked for the information to be added in the Golden Banner but notified there was no space for the information to be added. The committee thanked Ms. Strauss for her comments

Mr. Soto has been asking for years for this information to be added, but more people are coming because the word is getting out.

Ms. McCue stated that Mr. Campbell will assure at symposiums that these meetings will be announced.

Ms. McCue has a card from someone who doesn't want to speak: Mr. Strauss asked: will the road between Lyons road between forest and Lake Worth road be open? She doesn't think that they can address the issue and will have to have Council address this.

Ms. Edwards will give the question to council and come back with an answer.

Ms. McCue will have the next meeting at 4:30pm and see how it goes.

Ms. Rogers stated that in the brochure it says the next meeting is at 3:30pm.

Ms. Edwards will have Mr. Campbell speak to this because this is only published quarterly.

Ms. Rogers stated that the bathrooms at the Wellington Community Center on the second floor are terrible and do not flush correctly. Also, there should be a sign that states no re-entry at the Community Center for the second floor balcony.

Ms. Edwards will address this with the maintenance over at the Community Center

Mr. Nebb wants to have this remain to be at 3:30 for the meetings since it's already published.

Ms. Edwards said it won't be able to be changed until May

Ms. McCue stated the meeting will be at 3:30 pm for March and April.

Ms. McCue motioned for the meeting to stay at 3:30 and Mr. Nebb and Ms. Lascola second the motion.

VI. Board Comments

Ms. Kastner stated it's great to have people at the meeting

Mr. Nebb stated the senior club isn't advertising for anymore members due to the over populated meeting. He is very happy with Mr. Campbell and Ms. Edwards for always being great.

Ms. Lascola wants to thank her friends from Florida alliance of retired Americans Ms. Collier and Mr. Amara. Mr. Amara is attending from council in Royal Palm because they want to see how our committee works because they are trying to set up something in comparison.

Mr. Soto expressed he had goose bumps because of all the people in attendance and we are here to help you.

Ms. Lascola wants to thank our vice chair.

Mr. Nebb stated at late notice is very happy she was able to attend

Ms. McCue thanked Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Campbell because they are our ears and eyes to council. She also thanked our audience for attending.

Ms. Edwards stated the next meeting will be March 8, 2018 at 3:30pm.

VII. Closing Comments

Ms. McCue stated she thanks everyone and is hoping everyone will be here again for the meeting.

Ms. Edwards stated the next meeting will be March 8, 2018 at 3:30pm.

Ms. McCue stated same place and same time on the same channel.

VIII. Closing Comments

XI. Adjournment

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

Approved and Adopted:

Howard Trager, Chairperson

Date

Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary

Date