

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2018 – 4:30 PM  
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

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***MINUTES***

**Members Present:** Veronica McCue, Mary Kastner, Sampson Nebb, Sharon Lascola, and Carlos Poveda

**Members not present:** Jose Soto

**Village Staff:** Paulette Edwards, Jenifer Brito, and Geneeka Morris

**III. Call to Order/Opening Comments**

Mr. Trager, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Trager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

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

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Trager found on page one Ms. McCue should be spelled with a upper case “M”, banner should be capitalized. On page three the committee talked about having a table at the senior club and that was left out. On page four Ms. McCue was asking to come in and present to the Senior Club there will need to be clarification.

Ms. Brito stated the minutes will be corrected and sent back out to the senior advisory committee.

A motion was made to accept and the committee approved for the minutes to be corrected.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Ms. Edwards congratulated everyone for being reappointed to the Senior Advisory Committee and welcomed the new committee member Mr. Poveda to the committee.

There will be an election for a new chair and vice chair.

Ms. Lascola nominated Ms. McCue for chairperson and Ms. Kastner seconded.

Mr. Nebb nominated Ms. Lascola for vice chair and Ms. Kastner seconded the vote.

Ms. McCue thanked Mr. Trager for his service as the chair of the Senior Advisory Committee.

## **VI. Staff Updates**

Ms. Brito presented an update on services and programs such as the health and wellness in April. The topic discussed was “foot and ankle”, a total of 68 people were in attendance. The Symposium we had Emergency and Hurricane preparedness there were 70 people in attendance. The future events are June 21<sup>st</sup> on Alzheimer’s “what should I do now”, being presented by Dr. Brody. On June 26<sup>th</sup> we will have “Fake new vs real news” presented by F.A.U. Ms. Brito urges everyone to still register for the events and urges everyone to attend. There will also be a technology training put on by the library on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wellington Community Center from 2-4 pm. The Star Program had a total of eight new people who registered in the month of May. The Star program allows anyone over the age of 62 and a Wellington resident to access eight round trips a month for free within the vicinity of Wellington. The walking group that meets at the Wellington Green Mall, the first group we had twenty people and we had one today and we had ten people in attendance. This was a great way for people to exercise, interact with others, enjoy cookies and coffee in a cool environment. There is still a meeting time for seniors to come in every Monday from 8am – 12pm and there is no appointment necessary. Just a reminder for all committee members the Legal Department will be conducting training on June 27<sup>th</sup> and this is for not only new members but returning as well. If anyone is unable to attend the meeting it will be recorded and available to watch on the Village of Wellington website.

## **VII. Old Business**

Mr. Trager wanted to thank the Town Crier for the article about the Senior Advisory Committee and noted the article and stated that the seniors have a voice so use it. There was also a spot in the Golden Banner about the next meeting.

Ms. McCue asked for an update on the survey and the Homegrown Hero’s.

Ms. Brito stated that we are still compiling the information for the survey and as soon as it is completed we will bring it back to the Senior Advisory Committee for approval. Homegrown Hero’s will be put in the Primetime News in the third quarter which is July through September.

Mr. Trager stated that Mr. Barnes promised we would have the survey at the next meeting and this is the next meeting and another question will we be having a meeting in July.

Mr. Edwards stated that we will be having a meeting in July and we have not been able to get the survey out of administration. We will have the survey ready for the July meeting.

Mr. Trager was asked to get permission from the board about a table for the Senior Advisory Committee and it was denied.

Mr. Nebb wanted to mention about the hacking that occurred for utilities for online payments and it’s important for seniors to be aware of this occurrence

Ms. Edwards invited Mr. De La Vega who is our Director of purchasing to come up to speak about the hacking.

Mr. De La Vega mentioned the Village did have a breach and we are in the process of getting the word out about the hacking to all residents on social media and the news. If you paid for anything using a credit card in which you typed in the numbers for a one time purchase you are at risk. If you have your card on file or used a check you do not need to check for possible hacking. We are asking residents who used the system between the dates of June 2017 to February 2018 we are asking you to check your statements to assure that you don't have charges that weren't authorized. We have our IT team along with a forensic team that are reviewing all of our servers and at this point it is too early to determine but please report it if anything has been charged. The village will continue to provide information as it becomes available and there will be more to come on social media.

Ms. McCue asked if there has been safety precautions added since the occurrence.

Mr. De La Vega stated that the IT Director has remedied the situation and re done the server and we don't foresee any future problems.

The committee discussed the time for the meeting and decided to continue to hold the meetings at 430 pm.

### **III. New Business**

Ms. McCue stated there was an issue with the Senior Club in dealing with membership, which could disenfranchise our senior population for our community. I contacted the Community services Department but I was asked to table this topic but with consideration I would like to speak to this issue. Our mission as the Senior Advisory Committee is supposed to address the issues of the seniors and make recommendations to the Village Council. I would like to recommend that Village Council at their June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting investigate, discuss and answer who and why this decision was made by the senior club to close admission to any Wellington senior while allowing people who are not residents stay in the club. I don't feel that we should open this to discuss by the committee but send this matter to council to address this issue. The Gold Banner was handed out to the committee.

Mr. Trager would like to inform the chair that the bylaws were changed to limit membership from time to time and those who are grandfathered in and this is part of our notes of incorporation. As long as they pay those dues they are still able to be members.

The committee continued to talk about the membership being closed for the senior club.

Ms. McCue would like to have this matter sent to the Village Council, all were in favor except Mr. Trager opposed.

Ms. Edward would like to bring Mr. Barnes up to discuss the Senior Club versus the Senior Advisory committee in term of being able to bring this to council.

Ms. McCue understands the difference and doesn't feel Mr. Barnes needs to explain, there has to be another procedure put in place since no one was aware of this membership being closed.

Mr. Trager stated if you check the by-laws they are allowed to remove membership at any point in time due to not having the facilities to handle the amount of people.

Committee continued to talk about how they should proceed with this matter

Ms. Edwards stated she would take this to council

Ms. McCue stated on the agenda she sees Hurricane preparedness

Ms. Edwards stated we were going to have our Communications Director do a presentation, but she is out of town so we will have her come back to the next meeting.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

Ms. Gater has lived in Wellington for eight years and is part of the Senior Club, I am originally from New Jersey and what we really need is a Senior Club for seniors. We had several free activities and they had swimming. We were in the recreation center and were told they had to leave by 3:30, they have found a new place at the Wellington Mall. She had written a note to Julie Stow, so she would be able to have availability for a room for activities in the new building. If this building was built for seniors then you left the seniors out.

Ms. McCue stated that this building was built for the community and not just for seniors. Community services (Jenifer) has started new groups

Ms. Brito stated there is a chair Zumba class will be offered in the fall and the new walking group that is available and free to the seniors.

Ms. Lascola stated that were not a senior center but we are center for all Wellington residents.

Ms. McCue stated Ms. Brito is trying very hard to institute new programs for seniors.

Mr. Trager stated Mr. Piconcelli and Ms. Liquori are those who are in charge and this is why we had to limit membership because we have run out of space.

Committee continued to talk about how space is limited within the community center.

Mr. Brodie is the chairman of the membership for the senior club and there has always been a history of not having enough space for activities. He doesn't feel there is a board that is concerned about the seniors; we have 15,000 seniors in Wellington. He received a call today from a woman who was interested in membership for the senior club and he feel It's his job to help people and he wants more membership.

Ms. McCue thanked Mr. Brodie and explained that we want council to know about these Issues, so they help how to move forward.

Mr. Brodie wants to make sure that they are on our side and help the seniors in Wellington.

Ms. Lascola thanked Ann Gerwig for attending and now she can hear the complaints that are occurring within Wellington.

Ms. Gerwig stated it's not her practice to attend any committee meetings because we record these meeting and do read the minutes and don't want the committee to feel

influenced by the Mayor attending the meetings. Ms. Gerwig explained she wants the committee to do the work and hear from their residents to better serve the seniors. Ms. Gerwig thanked the committee and they are very important to council and thank you for giving ideas and wanted to also thank the staff.

Ms. McCue stated she doesn't work for the senior club but was appointed to the senior advisory committee to help all of the seniors and assure the senior's needs are met.

Ms. Franke asked staff to add hooks in the community center, also paid \$400 for Hurricane shutters and wanted to know if there was a list.

Ms. Rubin stated the senior club has been running for 25 years and the club has continued to work with individuals and helped others. When you look at 10,000 seniors who would want to join the senior club and where would be put everyone.

Ms. McCue stated that it's not us against them it's about helping our seniors of Wellington and how we can procedurally move forward and have them have access to everything that they wanted to do.

The committee continued to talk about the membership issues of the senior club

Mr. Nebb stated that the village should consider building a one floor senior center.

Ms. McCue stated again we will direct this to council.

Mr. Trager stated that this building was supposed to be built for seniors and not to have to turn people away from the senior club, because there isn't enough room.

Ms. McCue stated that she doesn't want anyone to be turned away.

Ms. Lascola stated that they will not build a Senior Center and maybe there is another way we use different buildings to utilize the space available.

Ms. Edwards would like our Assistant Village Manager Mr. Barnes to come up and address the committee.

Mr. Trager stated that the senior club signs the contract every year and they adhere to the contract every year and we received 51,500 a year. The luncheon cost around 3,000 and the money comes from the Village and by dues. We have limited space and Mr. Barnes and I have discussed that they need a stage and the Community Center needs to have more needs for seniors.

Mr. Barnes wanted to talk about the original item of the Senior Club and its membership; there is an annual contract specific to the dollar amount and the services that are provided. While this committee can make recommendations to Council, Council sets forth the vision and the committee tries to do policy review and here we are trying to go backwards. The community showed flexibility due to picking up and moving the venue to a new building and space. The actual building is tough to be everything for everyone and sometimes you fall short and also we hit in the middle where the building is useful for everyone. We transferred the activities to Village Park and we can look at other buildings to make use for activities. In the future as of right now we won't be building a new Senior Center, we may be able to utilize a real stage such as using the high school. We could use the Village Park for activities so we have more space to utilize for productions such as luncheons. Let's decide now that the senior club luncheons will

meet at the Village Park and the Village doesn't run the Senior Club or decide what they can do. Changing the location of the luncheon may allow us to host more people. The knitting group doesn't get the Lakeview room but as long we work together we can make space for everyone.

Ms. McCue stated this is how a good Village runs, so we can find a solution to the problem.

Mr. Barnes said the pecking order stated all the staff work for Mr. Schofield and Mr. Schofield works for Council, so staff will make this location switch happen.

Mr. Nebb wants to know why we build so many parks we need room for seniors.

Mr. Barnes stated if we had one building on one level there still wouldn't be enough room for all of the seniors. As long as we move the luncheon to a place where we have more space this will allow more people to participate.

Mr. Barnes also addressed the senior survey and will get that looked at and will have that at the next meeting.

Ms. Hawkins asked about the health fair in October

Ms. Brito announced that were will a health fair on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center, the time will be from 10-2 pm and she is working on the list for the vendors.

Ms. Hawkins stated she would like to volunteer

Mr. Cordova asked for more information about the Health Fair. Ms. Brito explained this is the first Annual Health Fair and this will be for seniors to attend and to gather resources to learn more about what's available in the community.

## **V. Board Comments**

Ms. Lascola wants to thank Mr. Trager for his years of service as the chair for the Senior Advisory Committee, thank you Ms. McCue for accepting the chairmanship.

Mr. Trager congratulated Ms. McCue and Ms. Lascola

Mr. Nebb stated how appreciative he is of Mr. Trager and his efforts to assist the seniors.

Mr. Cordova stated this was a great meeting and accepting this appointment to this committee, but the dynamics to help build a Village to assist the needs of everyone.

Ms. McCue would also like to thank Mr. Trager for his support and leadership and is very helpful. Mr. Trager you are a gem among men and be very proud of everything you have accomplished.

## **XI. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Mr. Trager, and seconded by Ms. Lascola. Meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm**

**Approved and Adopted:**

<b>Howard Trager, Chairperson</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Date</b>
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