

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 12, 2018 – 4:30 PM  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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***MINUTES***

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

**Members not present:** Carlos Poveda

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

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

Ms. McCue, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. McCue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. McCue called for a motion to approve the agenda.

***A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Ms. Kastner to approve the agenda as presented.***

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. McCue called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Nebb noted that Mr. Trager's had not been listed as being in attendance. He also noted that the time shown for conclusion of the meeting was incorrect.

Ms. Brito responded that the requested corrections would be made and revised minutes distributed.

**V. Presentation**

Ms. Edwards stated that this item, although shown on the agenda under "Old Business", would be a presentation by Liz Nunez from Wellington's Communications Department on Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency.

Ms. Brito distributed hurricane information and booklets which included instruction on what to do before, during and after a storm.

Ms. Nunez made a brief presentation on hurricane preparedness, providing information on putting together a hurricane plan including details on whether or not to evacuate, assembling a hurricane supply kit, providing for your pets and when to complete yard trimming and the location of the nearest storm shelter. The guide included a list of important telephone

numbers as well as information on Wellington's Code Red system, Channel 18 and Wellington's AM radio station. She also touched on how to properly handle post storm debris.

## **VI. Staff Updates**

Ms. Brito presented an update on services and programs offered by the Community Services Department. Dr. Brody had presented "Alzheimer's Disease: What Should I Do Now" on June 21<sup>st</sup>. 70 seniors were in attendance. Dr. Sherry Edwards from Florida Atlantic University presented a symposium entitled "Fake News vs. Real News" on June 26<sup>th</sup>. 72 seniors were in attendance.

Future events included the Health and Wellness anti-aging presentation on July 26<sup>th</sup> by Dr. Shoor, a dietician from Wellington Regional Hospital. Long Term Care Planning will present on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Wellington Community Center. The walking group continues to meet at the Mall at Wellington Green in front of the food court on the second and last Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The month of June had 20 participants. The next walking group was scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. An open meeting time was also scheduled for every Monday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Community Services Offices at 1092 Wellington Trace, providing an opportunity for seniors to meet with staff without having an appointment. New upcoming classes included "A Matter of Balance" geared toward assisting seniors in fall prevention and exercise. Classes run 8 weeks from 10:00 to 11:30 am beginning on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Another new class entitled "The Powerful Tools for Caregiving" presented by the Area Agency on Aging would begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> and run through September 5<sup>th</sup> and would assist caregivers with managing emotions and stress associated with being a caregiver. Classes would accommodate up to 12 participants and require pre-registration.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. Update on Survey**

Ms. Edwards reported that Mr. Barnes, Assistant Village Manager was unable to attend but was continuing work on the survey instrument and would be bringing it to the Village Manager for review and approval prior to bringing it back to the Committee.

Mr. Trager requested they continue previous discussion on the time change for the meeting, having discussed moving the start time back to 3:30 pm.

Ms. McCue asked Mr. Trager whether he would like to make a motion.

Mr. Trager asked for clarification on the Committee's regular meeting schedule.

***Mr. Trager made a motion to change the start time from 4:30 back to 3:30.***

Ms. McCue asked for clarification on the motion, stating that it had been previously approved by the Committee to change the start time from 3:30 to 4:30, agreeing to revisit the issue in September. She asked for a second on Mr. Trager's motion.

***The motion was seconded by Ms. Kastner.***

Mr. Nebb asked for discussion on the motion.

Mr. Nebb stated that attendance appeared to have increased with the change in meeting time.

Ms. Lascola was agreeable to either time.

Mr. Soto responded that he was flexible and noted the increased attendance.

Ms. Lascola noted one member not in attendance.

Ms. McCue asked whether there were any public comments.

Ms. Karen Gabriel, 1721 Primrose Lane, stated that assuming that attendance was related to the change in meeting time might actually be the result of topics on the agenda. She also stated that she preferred the 3:30 start time.

Ms. Marie Coleman, Isle Vista Boulevard, stated that most residents were unaware of the meetings until it was included in the Golden Banner newsletter. Many seniors' club residents preferred the 3:30 start time.

Ms. McCue called the question.

***Motion passed 3 to 1 to move the meeting time back to 3:30 pm with Mr. Soto opposed.***

Ms. Edwards stated that the Committee would move to quarterly meetings beginning in September to be consistent with other Wellington Boards and Committees.

At this point Mr. Schofield, Village Manager, asked the Chair's permission to move to the next item on the agenda.

Ms. McCue agreed.

#### **b. Senior Club Closed Membership Update**

Mr. Schofield explained the responsibilities of Wellington's Boards and Committees, noting that much like the Village Council, they were policy setting committees and should be looking at services and other things that were important to Wellington's seniors. An item brought up most often was a need for a dedicated senior center. He stated that the Seniors Club provided leisure and recreational services through a contract with the Village administered by the Village's Parks and Recreation Department, coming under the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He confirmed the quarterly schedule of Wellington's Boards and Committees governed by Ordinance and Resolution approved by the Village Council. He recognized the lack of an available space for seniors to socialize in small groups to play cards, etc. He encouraged the Committee to have discussions regarding senior needs and possible solutions to issues as they arise. The Seniors Club, operating as a 501c3, had a contract which was renewable by Council annually based on senior needs. Individual members of the Committee could not take actions on behalf of the Committee without a vote. He asked for a motion to have the Chair meet with him regarding issues related to the Seniors Club. He would then meet with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and request that they make a motion to have the President of the Seniors Club meet with him.

***Ms. McCue asked for a motion. Ms. Kastner moved the motion, seconded by Ms. Lascola.***

Mr. Schofield stated that prior to approving the motion there needed to be an opportunity for public comment. He further stated that he and his staff were available to review policy at any time.

Mr. Soto inquired about the change to a quarterly schedule.

Mr. Schofield responded that the schedule was governed by Resolution as with all Boards and Committees, as well as an authorizing Ordinance. They also had the ability to meet more often as needed.

Ms. Karen Gabriel, 1721 Primrose Lane, asked for clarification on the motion.

Mr. Schofield responded that meetings operated under Roberts Rules of Order, although he recommended adoption of an alternate set of procedures similar to Council procedures. He would provide a copy and suggested they operate under those procedures. Subsequent to the approval of the motion he would schedule time to meet with the Chair to discuss issues, then meet with PRAB and then come back to the Committee with an update.

Ms. Edwards asked for restatement of the motion.

Mr. Schofield stated that Sunshine Law prohibited the Chair from meeting with Mr. Trager outside of a public meeting to discuss business that could foreseeably come before the Committee. He could also not convey information from one member to another.

Ms. McCue asked for a restated motion.

***Ms. McCue restated the motion calling for the Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee would schedule to meet with Mr. Schofield to discuss issues.***

***Motion was made by Ms. Kastner, seconded by Mr. Nebb. Motion carried unanimously.***

A member of the audience requested the ability to comment.

Mr. Hank Brody, Chair of the Membership Committee for the Wellington Senior Club, stated his confusion over the inability to have a discussion with all parties involved at the same time. He asked why they couldn't schedule all parts of the discussion at this time.

Mr. Schofield explained the Florida Sunshine Law and its intent as well as his intention behind having the meetings discussed.

Mr. Robert Nappy, Director, Wellington Seniors Club, stated that the club was private and operated as a private entity. He questioned the recent news articles regarding the Seniors Club placed there by the Senior Advisory Committee.

Mr. Schofield clarified that, although the Seniors Club was a private 501c3 corporation, it also operated under an agreement with the Village to provide senior services and under the terms of that agreement Wellington had the ability to provide oversight and review. No direction has been given at this time. The club and its contract was subject to review by the Village. Mr. Schofield suggested that the conversation regarding the club membership and news article should take place in front of the Parks & Rec Advisory Board.

Ms. Lascola clarified that there had been a reporter from the Town Crier present at the last meeting to report on the Committee. The Committee did not place articles in the newspaper.

Mr. Schofield further clarified that the meetings were available and in the Managers weekly report which was also available online.

### **c. Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency**

This item was addressed at the start of the meeting under Item V. Presentations

#### **d. Homegrown Heroes Nominees**

Ms. McCue asked to place this item on hold as they did not have any nominees at this point in time.

Mr. Nebb made some suggestions regarding the application process.

Ms. Edwards stated that staff would send members a copy of the application between now and September and would place the application on the seniors page of the website as well as providing a copy for the Golden Banner and provide copies at the next senior luncheon.

### **VIII. New Business**

#### **a. Action Items & Goals**

Ms. Edwards stated that the new business action item was basically an open discussion.

Ms. McCue opened the floor for discussion. She suggested that members return in September with suggestions for activities and ways they could serve the senior community.

Ms. Edwards asked that the members forward any suggestions to her directly via email and all suggestions received would be combined and forwarded to the Chair for addition to a future agenda. Members could always communicate individually with the staff liaison.

Mr. Nebb asked whether the Chair had the ability to meet with Parks & Recreation.

Ms. Edwards responded that a representative of the Department could attend a future meeting.

Ms. Karen Gabriel, 1721 Primrose Lane, asked about affordable housing. She suggested distribution of a senior survey to Wellington residents.

Ms. Lascola responded that the Committee had previously spent some time on the topic of senior housing.

Ms. McCue suggested that this would be an issue for the Committee to bring to the Village Council.

Ms. Edwards stated that a housing economic study had recently been completed and she would bring a status update to the September meeting.

Mr. Trager referred back to a Senior Task Force survey conducted in 2006 and presented to that Village Council for review.

Mr. Hank Brody, 2078 Amesbury Circle, commented on his recent difficulty in being able to use the Wellington pool as well as shared use of Wellington's fields.

Mr. Nebb stated that the Village had contracts with Palm Beach County for shared use of facilities.

Ms. Elaine Halberstadt, Village Walk of Wellington, questioned the decision to close membership to the Senior Club to tax paying residents while allowing others to renew every year

who no longer lived in Wellington as well as the inability to accommodate everyone at the luncheons including those with disabilities forced to wait in line to enter.

Ms. Edwards responded that these issues would be addressed through the meetings with the Village Manager.

Ms. McCue stated that they had asked the Village Council to look at the issue of closed membership of the Seniors Club as it was beyond the purview of the Committee.

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Board Comments**

Mr. Soto asked for clarification regarding field management and fees.

Ms. Edwards confirmed that the next meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> would begin at 3:30 pm.

**XI. Closing Comments**

**XII. Adjournment**

Ms. McCue called for a motion to adjourn.

***Motion was made by Ms. Lascola, and seconded by Mr. Nebb. Meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm***

**Approved and Adopted:**

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**Veronica McCue, Chairperson**

**Date**

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**Jenifer Brito, Recording Secretary**

**Date**