

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 – 3:30 PM
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

MINUTES

Members Present: Veronica McCue, Mary Kastner, Sampson Nebb, Sharon Lascola, Jose Soto and 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 3:30 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. Nebb, seconded by Ms. Lascola to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Ms. Kastner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

V. Presentation

Ms. Edwards introduced Diane Gutman from Wellington Cares.

Ms. Gutman made a brief presentation on programs and services offered by Wellington Cares. Wellington Cares was a local non-profit providing non-medical assistance to seniors in their home along with transportation within and outside of Wellington to the grocery store, doctors' appointments and places of worship. They also provided hospitality services including wellness checks by phone and social visits up to twice per month. Volunteers were also available to assist with making doctor appointments. The most recent service added was a food pantry which included donated items. The fourth annual luncheon would be held on October 19th at 11:00 am at the Wanderers Club. Wellington Cares also worked closely with the Village's Community Services staff. They were currently forming their Board and were in need of volunteers willing to deliver food, household items and non-perishables as well as to provide social visits

Ms. Edwards reported that Wellington also enjoyed a partnership with Palm Beach Fire Rescue to install smoke detectors free of charge

VI. Staff Updates

Ms. Edwards introduced Mike O'Dell, Wellington's Assistant Planning and Zoning Director, who would be presenting on Wellington's Economic Study.

Wellington had recently conducted a housing and economic study which showed that Wellington residents had a desire to be able to age in place. The study included a comparison of national versus Wellington statistics with Wellington in the top 3% for Palm Beach County. Devonshire had submitted an application in July of 2018 to develop a congregate living facility that would include a mix of units. The application was currently in process.

Ms. Edwards provided information on their partnership with the Wellington Community Foundation, Community Services Grants and Palm Beach Fire Rescue services to aid seniors.

Ms. Edwards introduced Wellington's Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Delaney who would respond to questions regarding Wellington's facilities. Mr. Delaney reported that the aquatics facility had a capacity of 316 attendees. Wellington's summer camp program provided for a maximum of 200 attendees which included approximately 17 different camps utilizing the facility.

Mr. Delaney also responded to questions regarding relocation of the pool and the senior luncheon location.

Mr. Barnes provided copies of the draft senior survey, the goal of which was to determine a gap analysis. After survey responses were compiled, a future plan for senior services could be developed. Mr. Barnes offered to meet with the Committee members individually to discuss the survey further. Distribution of the survey to residents would include direct mail outs, the website, and insertion in the water bills as well as at various Village events.

A workshop was suggested to include discussion of the future goals of the Committee as well as a senior needs assessment.

Ms. McCue called for a motion to conduct a combination workshop for the needs assessment and discussion of 2019 Committee goals.

A motion was made (unintelligible), seconded by Mr. Poveda. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Ms. Brito provided an update on services and programs offered by the Community Services Department. On September 20th at 11:30 am Dr. Martinez would present on the Prevention of Alzheimer's disease. On September 25th at 11:30 am there would be a symposium on the Benefits of Art and Music. The walking group would meet on September 27th at 9:00 am at the Wellington Green Mall food court. Flyers were also distributed for the October 18th Health Fair which would take place between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Vendors were asked to provide a \$25 raffle prize for the seniors.

VII. Old Business

a. Homegrown Hero Nominations

Ms. McCue stated that there were two nominations for Homegrown Hero, however, only one was a Wellington resident. The non-resident was disqualified. The resident nomination was Howard Trager.

Ms. McCue called for a motion to select Mr. Trager as the Hometown Hero. Ms. Kastner made the motion, seconded by Mr. Proveda. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

VIII. New Business

a. Debrief with Village Manager

Ms. McCue reported that both she and Mr. Trager had met separately with Village Manager Paul Schofield.

Ms. McCue reported that her meeting had included discussion of a lounge type space for seniors. Mr. Schofield said that a senior lounge would be created at the Community Center that would be available to seniors on a daily basis during regular operating hours. They had also discussed ongoing negotiations with the Seniors Club regarding their membership.

Mr. Trager reported that, during his meeting with the Village Manager, Mr. Schofield had indicated that Village staff were pleased with the Seniors Club and that membership would stay as it was for the moment.

Ms. Brito reported that they were working on having all senior activities listed in the Primetime News as well as having information available in the senior lounge, the website, the Golden Banner and possibly the Town Crier.

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Board Comments

Mr. Trager thanked the board for the honor of being selected as the Homegrown Hero.

XI. Closing Comments

Ms. McCue thanked everyone for their attendance.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. McCue called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mr.Nebb, seconded by Ms. Lascola. Motion passed unanimously 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm

Approved and Adopted:

Veronica McCue, Chairperson

Date

Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary

Date