

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 14, 2019 – 3:30 PM
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Howard Trager, Carlos Poveda

Village Staff: Paulette Edwards, Staff Liaison; Jenifer Brito, Administrative Support; and Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary.

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. Kastner, to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Kastner asked for the addition of the senior survey to old business.

Ms. McCue asked if it would be acceptable to have the discussion under their discussion (board comments). Ms. Kastner agreed.

Ms. McCue asked for a second to approve the agenda with the addition of the senior survey.

Ms. Kastner made the second. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Trager and Mr. Soto were absent.

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

A motion was made by Ms. McCue, seconded by Ms. Lascola, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Mr. Trager and Mr. Poveda were absent.

V. Staff Updates

Mr. Brito introduced Ms. Diane Gutman representing Wellington Cares, who provided information on upcoming events including a fundraiser at Swank Farms on May 4th to benefit Wellington Cares seniors. Flyers were provided.

Ms. Brito then updated the Committee on programs and services offered by the Community Services Department including Bingo, the AARP driving course, Pilates fusion, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba Gold chair, Yoga, Yogilates, Senior Aerobics, Morning Pilates and Power Yoga. All program information was provided including cost.

The Community Services Department would also be hosting Pickleball with a grand opening on April 1st at 9:00 am at the Boys and Girls Club. Information regarding play times was provided.

In addition, the next symposium was scheduled to take place on March 26th on healthy living at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 am.

The senior lounge had seen an average of 100 attendees weekly.

Ms. Edwards reported that staff would still like to receive input from the seniors regarding other potential programming options.

Ms. McCue responded that she would like to see costs lowered for seniors, potentially helping to offset costs through community partnerships.

Resident Ms. Kate Gator stated that where she had come from they had offered free classes for seniors which was helpful for those on a fixed income.

Ms. Lascola questioned Wellington's history of providing annual funding to the Seniors Club of \$75,000 to \$80,000, yet no funds were provided to offset programming costs. She asked that Wellington assist in paying for programs and activities.

Mr. Hank Brodie responded, stating that Ms. Brito was also assisting the Club, taking over the phone system and helping with their registrations as well as education and information. Ms. Cecelia Torrisi from the Seniors Club clarified, stating that the amount provided to the seniors club from the Village was \$51,500 annually. The funding is used strictly to benefit seniors; all board members were volunteers.

VI. Old Business

a. Senior Club Membership and Senior Room

As they have covered the old business topics under the staff report, Ms. McCue asked if anyone had any other old business to discuss.

Ms. Kastner asked for an update on the senior survey.

Ms. Edwards responded that the draft had been completed but she did not have a further update at this time. Additional information would be provided at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

a. Self Defense and Awareness Classes

Ms. McCue asked about the possibility of making self-defense and awareness classes available to seniors. Ms. Brito responded that she had located an instructor that offered free classes and she would be following up with him. She would also reach out to local law enforcement.

Mr. Soto asked about meeting every two months.

Ms. Edwards responded, reminding the Committee that meeting frequency was governed by Village Ordinance. A change in frequency would require Council approval. The previous

meeting had been cancelled due to the holiday. Ms. McCue stated that she would like to make a motion asking that the request to meet more often be brought to the Village Manager and Village Council.

There was continued discussion regarding some members desire to meet more often. Ms. Edwards responded that she would discuss with the Village Manager and report back. She also reminded the Committee that they had the ability to call a special meeting if one was needed.

Mr. Hank Brodie brought up the seniors need for a new building and stated that he would like to see the Village purchase land and construct a senior center.

Ms. Lascola suggested he bring the idea to the Village Council at an upcoming meeting.

b. Demographic Representation

Ms. McCue thanked the Seniors Club for everything that they do for the seniors. She also thanked Community Services staff and the board for all that they do. She stated that she would be resigning her appointment to the Committee in order to move closer to her daughter in Virginia who was ill. She also thanked Councilman Napoleone for his appointment.

Ms. Edwards thanked Ms. McCue for her service.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Board Comments

Mr. Soto asked that they again consider changing their meeting time to 4:30 pm.

Ms. McCue asked that they have that discussion at the next meeting however she felt that the 3:30 start time was working better than 4:30.

Ms. Edwards stated that the next meeting would take place on June 13th at 3:30 pm.

Committee members wished Ms. McCue well and thanked her for her service to the Committee.

X. Closing Comments

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on June 13, 2019 at 3:30 pm

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Kastner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Soto. Meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm

Approved and Adopted:

Veronica McCue, Chairperson

Date

Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary

Date

