

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2019 – 3:30 PM  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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***MINUTES***

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

**Members Absent:** Carlos Poveda

**Village Staff:** Jenifer Brito, Geneeka Morris, Jim Barnes

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

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Trager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Lascola 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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**A motion was made by Mr. Nebb, seconded by Ms. Kastner for Ms. Lascola to be Chair**

**A motion was made by Ms. Lascola, seconded by Mr. Nebb for Mr. Soto to be Vice Chair.  
A motion was passed unanimously 6-0. Mr. Poveda was absent.**

Ms. Lascola stated she will not accept the chair position of the committee. She felt that it was other peoples' turn. She then stated she wanted to resign from the committee.

Ms. Lascola then stated that the committee became political and that herself and the past chair Veronica McCue were accused of violating the Sunshine Laws. Mr. Barnes stated she can either continue the meeting or resign at the end or she can pass the gavel to the Vice Chair. Ms. Lascola passed the gavel to Mr. Soto to continue the meeting.

Mr. Soto asked if Ms. Lascola could continue the meeting and resign at the end of the meeting.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

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

***A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Ms. Springer, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. Mr. Poveda was absent.***

**VI. Staff Updates**

Mr. Barnes updated the committee on the senior survey and the last step that is needed is to gather comments regarding the survey. In a prior meeting, Ms. McCue had mentioned that the committee should also have a workshop to discuss the survey. Mr. Barnes stated they can still sit down and discuss individually about the needs for the survey. He stated there are 24 questions within the survey and it is a manageable survey. This could be online and have it set out at other events for seniors. The survey would be mailed out and be available

Mr. Nebb stated that there are people in the audience who would like to contribute to the survey.

Mr. Barnes stated the workshop would give everyone opportunities to contribute to the survey.

Mr. Trager asked why this survey is any different from the survey that was conducted in 2006.

Mr. Barnes said that this survey has more questions, the biggest difference is recognizing the new services that are needed. There are more specific questions, such as have you used the Wellington Community Center. Mr. Barnes doesn't want to put that survey out there and so everyone has input to the survey.

Mr. Nebb said something that should be added in about the telephone scams.

Ms. Brito said we had an earlier symposium on phone scams, but we could have another symposium and invite law enforcement.

Mr. Barnes said we can reach out to all members outside of the senior advisory committee to schedule individual time to speak about the survey.

## **VII. Old Business**

Ms. Lascola asked about the smoke out containers for the smokers outside of the building

Mr. Barnes said we could put up a smoke out along with signs to remind people to put their cigarettes out before they approach the building

**A motion was made by Ms. Kastner, seconded by Mr. Nebb for Mr. Springer to be Vice Chair. A motion was passed unanimously 6-0. Mr. Poveda was absent**

## **VIII. New Business**

### **Electing the new Homegrown Hero**

**A motion was made by Ms. Lascola, seconded by Mr. Nebb for Mr. Schaefer to become the Homegrown Hero. A motion was passed unanimously 6-0. Mr. Poveda was absent**

Ms. Torrisi came up and would like to know who all of the applicants were for Senior Advisory committee.

Ms. Lascola stated Jim Bass who moved to Wellington in 1983, Paulette Miller who lived in Wellington since 1984, and Dr. Jean Oberg has lived in Wellington 20 years, Greg Newsley lived here since 1989.

Mr. Nebb said he would like for people here apply for the senior advisory committee

Mr. Trager said everyone is appointed by council.

Mr. Barnes said that you can apply for the committee through an application with the Village of Wellington.

Mr. Springer stated how most of the seniors are attending the activities, but there is a certain amount of people who are not attending.

Mr. Nebb stated that Ms. Brito had activities and symposiums from doctors and lunch is free. Ms. Brito is able to get the seniors involved and even to attend the meetings.

Ms. Brito said we do have a new event that will be occurring on August 27th, the Senior Volunteer Fair as way to get seniors more involved with volunteer opportunities, and also an event on September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Luau. This is a way that we can reach other seniors in our population to see what their overall needs are, starting new programs to get more seniors involved.

Mr. Nebb stated that the committee has board members who have not been here for a year.

Ms. Brito stated the committee did not meet in December and it has to be three (3) consecutive meetings. At the conclusion of this meeting it will be three meetings that the committee member did not attend.

Mr. Soto said in the past three years more events have been occurring in the city and since Ms. Brito has come on board there has been more activities and programs.

The Board continued to discuss how senior housing could improve but also how the mall could be used for housing due to the restaurants, movie theatre and transportation.

Ms. Lascola asked if she should lobby the council .

Mr. Barnes said that Village staff would never advise them they are free to do as they wish

#### **IX. Public Comment**

None

#### **X. Board Comments**

Mr. Nebb is shocked about the resignation of Ms. Lascola.

Ms. Lascola stated this was on the spot decision.

Mr. Trager would like to thank Ms. Brito for her efforts for planning new activities and programs.

Ms. Kastner said she loves how everything is listed and people know what is coming up, this makes a difference. The Village has a great online system with all of the programs listed, Ms. Kastner said she even signed up for Zumba Gold Chair.

Mr. Soto is in shock as well and looked forward to working with Ms. Lascol and stated she is a great leader.

Ms. Lascola wants to thank Ms. Brito, thank you for my smoke out ashtrays and this committee will continue to service the community

#### **XI. Closing Comments**

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on September 12, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

***Mr. Soto made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trager. Meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm***

**Approved and Adopted:**

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**Sharon Lascola Chairperson**

**Date**

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**Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary**

**Date**