

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

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***MINUTES***

**Members Present:** Jose Soto, Mary Kastner, Howard Trager, Glenn Bennett, and Henry Brodie

**Members Absent:** Jerry Springer and Sampson Nebb

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

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

Mr. Soto, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Soto called for a motion to approve the agenda.

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

***Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Springer and Mr. Nebb were absent.***

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Soto called for a motion to approve the 6/13/19 minutes and 9/12/19 minutes.

***A motion was made by Mr. Trager, Seconded by Ms. Kastner, to approve the 6/13/19 minutes as presented.***

Mr. Soto had a question about the 9/12/19 minutes where Mr. Brodie wanted to create a subcommittee for complaints to be filed to volunteers who would answer the phone.

Ms. Brito stated that she did meet with Hank but it was regards to volunteers within the community.

Ms. Paulette said we are handling that situation currently when people call Community Services will address those conflicts.

Mr. Soto then wanted know about the STAR program.

Mr. Bennett checked into the STAR program and found out that STAR is up to date and Council feels it is at full capacity until more people sign up or more utilizes the STAR program.

Ms. Edwards informed the Senior Advisory Committee that the STAR program has eight one-way rides a month and if a senior needed additional rides they can contact the Community Services office for approval of additional rides to their doctor's office.

Mr. Bennett asked Ms. Edwards to repeat her statement about the telephone lines.

Ms. Edwards replied that the concern from Mr. Brodie was if a senior had any concerns, Mr. Brodie wanted to create a subcommittee that could answer the phone. The Community Services Office has a line that the seniors already use to call in their concerns or to ask for help. The Community Services Office is actively taking care of any calls from our senior residents.

Mr. Soto wanted to know the status of the survey.

Ms. Brito stated that she has not received the survey back at this time.

***A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Ms. Kastner, to approve the 9/12/19 minutes. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Mr. Springer and Mr. Nebb were absent.***

## **V. Staff Updates**

Ms. Brito informed the Senior Advisory Committee about the senior activities. The seniors had a Valentine's Social on February 13, 2020 and there were over 160 seniors in attendance. The Valentine's Social was sponsored by Harbor Chase and Wellington Regional Medical Center. The lunch was served by Agliolio's. Other upcoming events scheduled are the Senior Prom on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 where lunch will be provided. There are a lot of activities for the seniors from Chair Yoga, Arts classes, Pilates, dance programs and other special activities.

Ms. Brito also informed the Senior Advisory Committee that she would be working with Communications to create a program guide to reduce the flyers.

Mr. Trager asked when will the flyer be ready?

Ms. Brito stated that Communications is working on the flyer and the proof should be ready in the next couple of weeks. The Guides will be distributed at events and placed in the Senior Lounge.

Ms. Cecilia Torrisi complimented Ms. Edwards and Ms. Brito on the improvements that were made in the Senior Lounge. Ms. Torrisi had made suggestions about the lounge and was surprised to walk in one day and find many things were followed up on including two television sets on either sides, comfortable chairs, and having the information in the lounge for the seniors. She noticed that every time she stopped in, someone is playing cards or using the lounge. Ms. Torrisi would like a copy of the agenda for the audience to be able to follow.

Mr. Soto also complimented Ms. Brito because he seen the changes she made for the seniors and all the activities.

Mr. Bennett asked about a notice in the papers to notify the seniors of the Senior Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Brito replied not at this time since the meeting was switched but she will look into it for the next meeting. She informed the committee that she announced the meeting at all of events and email blasted the meeting announcement to over 300 seniors.

Ms. Kathy Gator wanted to thank Ms. Brito for reducing the cost on programs and bringing a lot of free activities for the seniors.

Mr. Soto asked the audience to speak to their friends and neighbors and invite them to the Senior Advisory Committee meetings.

#### **VI. Old Business**

**Discussed old business in approval of the minutes.**

#### **VII. New Business**

None

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

None

#### **IX. Board Comments**

Mr. Brodie stated that the Senior Advisory Committee should be proactive to help the seniors know what they need. The seniors should be helped with what they don't know and help them.

Ms. Edwards stated that in terms of not knowing who to call for certain things, just call the Community Services Office and the staff will get the seniors where you need to go.

Mr. Soto would like to know the action plan for this year for the hurricane preparedness.

Ms. Edwards stated that every year the Public Information Officer to the committee to talk specifically about the hurricane preparedness as well as someone at the lunch and learns. In the past someone from Home Depot came out with hurricane kits but as we get closer we will have someone from the Village of Wellington Emergency Management Office to come in and talk about hurricane preparedness.

Mr. Trager suggested a flyer to be inserted into the Golden Banner.

Ms. Edwards responded absolutely and thank you. She stated that the flyer will be prepared and asked which month can the flyer be placed in the Golden Banner?

Mr. Trager responded which month do you want?

Ms. Edwards replied April or April and May because April and May people should start getting prepared since hurricane season starts June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Soto wanted to know if there were shelters for the Wellington Community.

Ms. Edwards informed Mr. Soto that Palm Beach Central High School is Wellington's shelter. Palm Beach Central High is general and Special Needs but you have to register.

Mr. Bennett informed Mr. Brodie that the hotline had come up and if someone wanted to call and report dirty sidewalks or other things Steve Kosh is over the Code Enforcement Department.

Ms. Edwards notified the Committee that there are two Code Enforcement Officers in the Community Services Office.

Mr. Bennett informed the Committee that a new living assistance is being built over by the mall. The name of the living assistance facility is Wellington Bay. Wellington Bay will be renting a room at the Wellington Community Center for a lotto drawing for people who are already interested. Wellington Bay has over 40 people signed up that will be living there. The senior living facilities will be rentals. There will be four different buildings for different reasons. Mr. Bennett wanted to make sure residents know about it and kept updated.

Ms. Paula Maury asked Mr. Bennett if he knew when the Wellington Bay would be open?

Mr. Bennett said it should be open summer of 2021.

Mr. Soto asked if the Village of Wellington still has grants to help fix homes that residents wanted to continue living in their home?

Ms. Brito informed Mr. Soto that the CDBG grant opened in January and the Community Services is taking applications for the CDBG Grant. The CDBG Grant covers a lot of things but mostly being used for roofs and windows. The CDBG Grant is the grant that covers the whole project and residents wouldn't have to pay anything.

Mr. Soto asked if there were any income guidelines.

Ms. Edwards informed Mr. Soto that there are income guidelines and the Community Services Office can assist with the information. The Community Services Office is partnering with Tom Wenham and the Wellington Community Foundation. There is a Senior Bathroom Modification Program where the application is thru the Community Services Office in partnership with the Wellington Community Foundation for grab bars, toilet seats and anything that will make the bathroom more accessible in the bathroom for seniors.

All programs and grants have income guidelines.

Ms. Edwards informed the Committee that the information will be given to the Senior Advisory Committee and asked that the Committee inform others about the programs.

#### **X. Closing Comments**

Mr. Soto asked when the next Senior Advisory Committee meeting will be?

The staff stated they will reach out to the Clerk's Office to retrieve the meeting date due to the meeting being switched.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

***Mr. Trager made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bennett. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm***

**Approved and Adopted:**

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**Jose Soto, Chairperson**

**Date**

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**Geneeka Morris, Recording Secretary**

**Date**