

NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2017
Northville Community Center

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Mittman at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Dick Brown (excused), Lesa Buckland, Richard Henningsen (excused), Mindy Herrmann (excused), Bob Lipmyer, Jim Mazurek, Jerry Mittman, Andrea Murdock, Marilyn Price

Staff Members: Suzie Johnson, Mark Gasche

Guests: None

3. Announcements and Citizens Comments - None

4. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by Mazurek and seconded by Price to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Moved by Lipmyer and seconded by Mazurek to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 2016. Motion passed.

6. Monthly Reports

A. Participation Report

- Total participation in 2016 was similar to prior year.
- Using charter buses for larger events and events out of SMART region.
- Holiday Luncheon was a sellout.

B. Upcoming Events

- Gary Allen continues to be a popular presenter of estate and retirement planning seminars.
- Informational session regarding the Airport Ambassador Volunteer Program is scheduled for February 15.
- The entertaining “Legacy” show is planned for February 13 at the Community Center. 68 people have already signed up.
- AARP Income Tax Preparation Assistance will run February to April. About 400 people are typically helped.

7. Old Business

A. New Bus Update

- Only two buses currently available for use (two others in for repair; another unusable due to accident). Expect two new 14-passenger buses from SMART soon (one incremental; second a replacement for unusable bus).
- May be getting three additional new buses in 2017 (a 19-passenger; a 24-passenger; and a TBD size).
- Have had problems with buses breaking down. Currently, service and repairs are performed at SMART facility. Suzie is looking at alternative, closer facilities.
- Have seven bus drivers but some are away for the winter.
- Will look at possibility of using SMART vans for medical runs. May be more efficient and easier to find drivers.

B. Northville Community Foundation Grant

- Received \$500 grant from the Northville Community Foundation for the 2017 Senior Fest. The Foundation was the main sponsor of the 2016 Senior Fest with a \$1,000 grant.
- Senior Programming partnered with the Foundation in providing gift baskets to area assisted living centers at Christmastime.

8. New Business

A. Partnership with Northville Township, Rotary and Northville Senior Services – Smoke Detectors

- Northville Twp. Fire Department has a large ball each February to raise funds for charity. This year, the funds will be used to purchase smoke detectors for city and township seniors. Senior Programming will handle calls from residents and Rotary will install the detectors.

B. New Folding Chairs

- Suzie would like to replace the metal folding chairs used for events with better looking chairs with the same capacity. The metal chairs are heavy and many have chipped paint. She proposed buying 200 chairs with plastic seating surfaces using donation funds (fund balance as of 9/2016 was \$98,106).
- Motion made by Price and seconded by Buckland to approve purchase of 200 chairs for the Community Center using up to \$4,000 in funds from the donation fund. Motion passed.

9. Reports

A. City Liaison Report – Marilyn Price

- Meeting continue to be held on the Downtown Strategic Plan update. Focus is on the area south of Cady Street (Northville Downs). Want to have a plan in place for possible future development.

B. Township Liaison Report

- Gasche mentioned the former prison property at 5 Mile/Beck was turned over to a developer in late December.

C. School Board Liaison Report – Jim Mazurek

- One new member on School Board as a result of November’s election.
- Issued Request for Proposal (RFP) for Old Village School and Main Street School last year. Results showed more interest in Main Street School – but not for repurposing it but for tearing it down and replacing it with 6-7 home sites. Little interest in Old Village School. Any proposed exterior changes would have to be approved by the Historic District Commission.
- Have looked at alternative locations for school administrative offices and early childhood activities but prefer to remain in the downtown area. Looking at a renovation of Old Village School.
- Looking at needs of all school facilities in order to assure they are competitive. The Northville School District expects to add 500 – 600 new students in the next five years.

D. Chairperson and Commission Member Comments – No Comments

10 Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on February 16, 2017.

11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Submitted by Jerry Mittman