



MINUTES OF THE WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 7th, 2017

Washoe County Senior Center, 1155 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada 89512
Game Room

- 1. Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair-Dr. Larry Weiss.
- 2. Roll Call** – Dr. Larry Weiss asked for the roll call; Sandra Vasquez took the roll. There was a quorum present.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT:

PRESENT

Dr. Larry Weiss
Wayne Alexander
Garth Elliot

Donna Clontz, Alternate
Stan Dowdy, Alternate
Barbara Korosa

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

Ken Romeo
*Gary Whitfield
*Connie McMullen
*Sandra Dexter
Dennis Chin

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Ken Retterath
Sandra Vasquez

Leslie Admirand (DA)
Abby Badolato

ADVISOR (ABSENT)

Victoria Edmondson

- 3. *Public Comment** – No public comment.

- 4. *Member Announcements** –

Garth and Larry expressed their thanks to Donna and everyone else that worked on the events for Older American Month.

Donna stated there is a flyer for a fundraiser and invited everyone to attend (see attachment).

- 5. Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on June 7, 2017.**

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Wayne Alexander. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on May 11, 2017.**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Garth Elliot and seconded by Stan Dowdy. Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Guest speaker Jeff Scott, Director of Washoe County Library System -

Jeff Scott explained that one of the changes within the library system is the increase of 36 more hours of availability per week. There is a new program called Lucky Day and what it does is that for the popular selection of items if someone is on the waitlist for the item and they see the book is available, they can take the book and not have to wait their turn. There are services for digital downloads. There is also going to be a renovation scheduled for the fall at the downtown Reno library. Sparks and Northwest are scheduled to be renovated next fiscal year. They are also looking at expanding computer classes. The Northwest Library is looking into having a genealogy collection, which includes the Holocaust. The library system is looking into reaching out to seniors since they are aware that seniors are in need of meals and they would like to reach out too. Donna asked who would receive the senior resource guide, Jeff stated if they are sent to the downtown library, they will distribute to all libraries. Most of the services are on the county website for anyone that would like access to know what is going on at the library. Jeff also stated that they do have someone that is the Outreach Coordinator and they are looking into outreach to homebound seniors.

8. *Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Donald Abbott

Donald stated he reached out to Tracy Dominguez, Parks and Rec Director, but they are still talking about looking into a survey, it is still on the radar.

9. Report, discussion, and possible direction on suggestions and recommendations from March 8th Retreat meeting – Larry Weiss

Larry asked for suggestions or recommendations on areas that they would like to pursue in the future. Donna stated it would help if a list is made on what everyone would like to focus on and start working on it; for example if someone is interested in the nutrition program. Stan stated she would like to volunteer to focus on affordable housing. Ken asked Donna if she would like to create a matrix and send it to Sandra, Sandra can send it to the Board and everyone can start penciling in what they would like to do. Larry also asked the Board to think about this item to be able to talk about it next time.

10. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding recruiting new board members

Larry asked how many vacancies there are on the Board, Marsy2, Dennis4, Connie2, and Ken5 have vacated their seats. Ken Romeo has not officially sent in a resignation. Ken Retterath said they had talked previously about waiting for the ordinance change since there will be some changes. Donna asked the Board to think about people they know that would like to apply to be a board member. Barbara stated she is moving and she does not know where she might be on the board because of the district limitations.

11. Update, discussion, and possible approval on WCSSAB ordinance changes

Ken stated the posting of the ordinance is done; it is 30 days on the county website. The first reading would be on the 27th and the second reading on the second Tuesday of July; after that it will be complete.

12. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations for Older American Month and Stuff-A-Bus – SCAC Chair Donna Clontz

Donna stated some activities for OAM were attended by hundreds of seniors and some by 2 to 4 seniors. Feedback from seniors was positive and she is looking for feedback from people that participated to know what worked and what didn't. There was a lot of media coverage but it seemed that most of the seniors still received their information from the booklet. Donna stated to the Board that more help is needed from the Board and everyone should participate in the planning of OAM. Stan stated that many of the financial events were well attended and the raffle ticket is something they will not be doing later on. Donald asked if it's possible to do less events to be able to focus better on them. The Safety Fair that Marsy was in charge of was very high in level of information and the Legal Panel was also well attended and would be good to happen again. Larry suggested that each Board member pick an area for OAM and develop a session, host it, organizes and works on it; this can be a future agenda item. Garth asked Donna if local media met her expectations in regards to media coverage. Donna stated she has no complaints with the internal media, but at the end it's up to the news directors and editors what is printed. Donna stated Stuff-A-Bus went well, there were donations given of gift cards and cash. Food Bank of Northern Nevada donated almost \$14,000 worth of items and since it is so much, leftover items will be sent out to community participants. Donna wants to write a letter to express thanks to donations. Larry asked how it is being distributed, it was stated Joti and staff are distributing items as needed. Stan stated it was a lot of work to get the barrels delivered. The news people were on board with making Stuff-A-Bus a success. Ken stated he talked to Catholic Charities and work with them about giving vouchers to staff and then staff can give them to clients. Marsy expressed her thanks to Donald Abbott for all his support.

13. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations for use of bus donated to North Valley senior residents

Ken stated the bus donated from the Lissners was accepted by the commissioners. They are looking at expanding the volunteer base and getting volunteers to drive the bus. This would need to go to approval at the County Commissioners and they are also looking at what is the vision for the bus. Barbara asked if special driving training is needed to drive the bus. Ken stated he will check on the requirement, but there is a requirement that the volunteer would have to complete a driver training.

14. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations for supporting or opposing recent Nevada legislation relating to seniors

Larry stated it is closing time for this item. Ken stated they might know at the next meeting what passed that had fiscal notes.

15. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations or communications to the Commission On Aging

Larry stated Connie let him know that the Commission On Aging has not had a meeting, therefore no update.

16. Update, discussion, and possible approval for assignments for each board member to focus on for the coming year – Larry Weiss

Larry stated they talked about this item during item 9.

17. Update, discussion, and possible direction to staff from the board on the Senior Nutrition Program

Ken stated the grants were submitted today and now they have to wait for when the grant awards come back. They are looking at purchasing big freezers (either one or two) for storage since they need to work on a backup plan. One freezer can hold up to 2 weeks of meals. There is a company that ships meals from Florida and that may be an option since the meals are cheaper to ship from there. Ken also stated two new vehicles are coming in to be used for home delivered meals. Ken stated the worst case scenario of meals needs is 3 million meals; that's why they have to look at strategies at how they can do more with less and do what they can do to provide meals.

18. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations for senior center being planned for Incline Village

Ken stated they had a meeting and they are looking to use the old library for the seniors. The seniors at the meeting stated they would like the center to be more of a recreational type center. There is money set aside to fix the sidewalks and seniors at the meeting stated they don't want meals at the center. Staff is working on getting the center started and later adding meals.

19. Agenda items for the next Board meeting

Larry requested the date be changed to July 25th due to the holiday, it is a joint meeting.

Items would be affordable housing and transportation.

Item requested by Ken-General WCSS Update

20. *Public comment -

Barbara Deavers stated she met with someone from Ohio who worked with UNR in regards to meals.

Larry stated there are flyers for Rise the Challenge and he has the tickets if anyone wants to get any.

Garth stated Friday is movie at the park.

Donna stated she gave little goodie bags to Sun Valley Senior Center for distribution at their barbecue picnic.

Donna and Ken stated they have the whole Strategic Plan from 2006.

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Stan Dowdy and seconded by Wayne Alexander. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.