

Senior Resources Commission
Dickinson Hall
Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 8, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Steven Potsic opened the meeting at 1:00pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Commission Members

Steven Potsic-Chair **P**

Jim Blanda **P**

Mary Jo Davis **P (arrived at 1:33pm)**

Mark Dillon **P**

Sally Kelly **P**

Kathleen Ottensmeyer **A**

Tom Sullivan **P**

City Council Liaison

Prue Beidler **A**

Staff

Sally Swarthout, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry **A**

Jill Becker, Senior Resources Manager **P**

Janet Fryer, Senior Advocate **P (arrived at 1:52pm)**

Tricia Schwall, Program Manager **A**

Tara Purtell, Administrative Assistant **P**

Note: **P**=Present **A**=Absent

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2018

Motion

Blanda moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2018.

Dillon seconded.

Vote: Commission approved.

4. **Opportunities for citizens to address the Senior Resources Commission on non-agenda items:** None

5. **Manager's Report**

Please see the attached for full Manager's Report.

Becker gave a highlight of the Manager's Report with an emphasis on membership numbers totaling 939 members. The May/June Newsbrief will have a new, trendy redesign. It will be in houses Mid-April. Becker also reported on the Affordable Housing Program that took place at DH on March 2, 2018. Around 20 people attended and the program was well received.

Carpeting remains on Capital Request List but as a low item at this time. A discussion took between the Commission members on the reserve funds and the budget on how to move the carpet higher on the list in the future. A full year cycle of programs will take place to see budget revenue/expenses and then revisit carpet replacement.

6. Lake Bluff Survey Discussion

Potsic stated that Lake Bluff was supportive of using DH questions with expectation of giving feedback. The Commission discussed the results and the responses of the survey takers. Two problems were discussed at length.

1. The problem is getting people to know more about DH, getting them to read it and then to understand what is offered
2. Marketing knowledge of DH needs to be addressed in LF and LB

Becker will potentially be going back to marketing individuals who were previously used when Age Spectacularly tagline was created. Becker will come back with proposal to enhance marketing showing concrete ideas. Current marketing efforts include: Flyers in businesses, LF Dialogue, Community Calendars, LF Leader and Social Media.

In summary, all individual comments from survey results were read and considered, SRC talked about ways to make sure people are better aware of our programs and services. Suggestions to contact LF Leader to thank survey takers of LB and Schwall/Becker to meet with Village Administrator from LB to thank them. SRC conclusions will be sent to Village Administrator.

Motion

Blanda moved that the Commission has reviewed the info and has given a summary of it and we will enhance awareness based on survey results and consider strategies on how to improve services at DH.

Dillon seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

7. Affordable/Available Senior Housing

Potsic brought to the Commission that there are 41 people on the senior waiting list for affordable housing and a possible need for the Commission to support additional senior housing specifically on the Grove Campus. A discussion took place on what the Commission wants to do with this. Part of the city's long range plan is to have senior housing on the Grove Cultural Campus

Step 1: Does the Commission believe there is enough information to pursue the need for additional affordable housing units in Lake Forest

Motion

Dillon moved that the SRC believes there is potentially a need and that it should be discussed further regarding additional affordable senior housing.

Blanda seconded.

Vote: 5 in favor. 1 opposed.

Step 2: The Commission to meet with the housing board chaired by former LF Mayor. The housing board receives the money from the contractors for affordable housing units fund. SRC support the meeting to explore opportunities for senior housing. Consensus of SRC is yes. Potsic, Dillon, Sullivan and Davis volunteered to speak on behalf of SRC. Becker will also come to meeting

Potsic will speak with Cathy Czerniak and/or former LF Mayor to learn more about future housing board meetings, and Becker will email the potential interested Commission members with more details

Motion

Blanda moved to have a representative or two of SRC members to meet with the LF Housing Board to explore the potential need of affordable senior housing

Dillon seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Step 3: Invite Amy to Associate Director Community Partners of Affordable Housing to our next SRC meeting

Two things were not anticipated when senior housing was created:

1. Not anticipated on how long people would live when senior housing was created
2. Not anticipated that they would stay in house so long and not a nursing home

8. Retiring Commission member

Official thank you to Jim Blanda for his service on the SRC for last 4 years.

The new SRC member will go thru the Caucus; multiple individuals are interested.

9. FY19 SRC Meeting dates

Motion

Kelly moved the proposed schedule for SRC meeting dates of FY19.

Sullivan seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

10. Family Services request for funding for the Senior Advocate position: Steve Potsic

The funding was approved.

11. Scholarship and Social Services Grant funding: Steve Potsic

The funding was approved.

12. Comments by Commission members

Potsic stated that the Foundation was a beneficiary of an individual that had passed away in the amount of \$100,000

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 1:00pm

14. Motion to adjourn: 3:03pm Blanda moved to adjourn. Dillon seconded. Commission approved.

Submitted by: Tara J. Purtell