

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

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Steven Potsic opened the meeting at 1:04pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Commission Members

Steven Potsic-Chair **P**

Mary Jo Davis **P**

Mark Dillon **A**

Sally Kelly **P (left at 3:07pm)**

Carol Champ **P**

Tom Sullivan **P**

Gale Strenger Wayne **P (left at 2:52pm)**

City Council Liaison

Prue Beidler **P (arrived at 1:06pm, left at 3:11pm)**

Staff

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

Jill Becker, Senior Resources Manager **P**

Janet Fryer, Senior Advocate **P (left meeting at 2:42pm)**

Tricia Schwall, Program Manager **P (left meeting at 2:32pm)**

Tara Purtell, Administrative Assistant **P**

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

Guests:

Robbie Boudreau, Executive Director of Faith in Action

Bob Shaw, Developer

Members Margaret Abel and Alan Champ

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2018

Motion

Strenger-Wayne moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2018.

Champ seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

4. **Opportunities for citizens to address the Senior Resources Commission on non-agenda items:** Margaret Abel suggested relocating the SRC meeting dates closer to the front of the Newsbrief so the meeting times would be more visible.

5. **Faith in Action Request for 2019 Funding**

Executive Director Robbie Boudreau summarized the annual report (attached) and explained that the target is to supplement Dickinson Hall's transportation by offering rides to mobility challenged and beginning phase cognitive impairment individuals rides. She explained that FIA met their goal of 35 residents in the DH service area (District 115). There has been a decrease in the number of people being served but an increase in the hours spent with people being served which is driving the cost higher to help these individuals.

Potsic commented that the Commission is pleased and that Faith in Action goes above and beyond. He noted that the clients are well cared for.

Boudreau brought to the Commission two different proposals:

1. Funding for CY19 for \$21,000 in order to continue to serve the 35 current clients in District 115, and additionally others referred by DH staff in IL 60044/60045 but outside District 115
2. Funding for CY19 for \$13,700 but this would result in reduced services from FIA

A discussion ensued. Boudreau explained that \$21,000 is required because of a loss of \$5,000 from Shields Township and no guarantee as yet for \$3,000 from First Presbyterian Church.

Boudreau explained that two factors have contributed to the increase in the number of people needing to be served. These are: the decrease in mental health funding in the state and the overall age related memory loss.

Motion

Davis moved that the Commission requests that the Foundation approve the Faith in Action Grant Proposal (\$21,000) for calendar year 2019 and consider using the transportation restricted fund since this grant is for enhanced transportation.

Kelly seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion

Strenger-Wayne moved that the Commission give the Chair (Potsic) the authority to negotiate the FIA grant amount with the Foundation only if the does not approve the requested \$21,000.

Sullivan seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 abstained, 1 no

Motion carried

6. Affordable/Available Housing Update

Developer Bob Shaw introduced himself and summarized his previous work in the Lake Forest community commenting directly on the 77 unit development by Lake Forest Academy and the development behind Lovell's/Sunset Food. He also gave the history on how previous Senior Affordable Housing project have fizzled out. He also stated that transportation access for a project like this is hugely important.

Potsic explained the site plan for Grove Campus that is exactly the same 5 unit site plan from the Conway/Lake Forest Train affordable senior housing project. He also explained that the budget document he handed out to the Commission members is a work in progress being a first draft with more estimates coming in. Potsic has received an email from Cathy Cerniak, Director of Lake Forest Community Development stating that the Housing Trust Board will be supportive and will arrange a meeting to pinpoint the funding amount for the project. There was a general sense that the City will take the lead on this project and that the Foundation will be receptive to the project.

Motion

Strenger-Wayne moved that the Commission give the Chair (Potsic) the authority to request that the Foundation make disbursements from the Affordable Senior Housing restricted account for professional services to pay for the necessary project components and that the Foundation agree to the requested process.

Sullivan seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

Potsic thanked Shaw and Archibald Architects for their pro-bono services. He explained that the Commission understands that these are preliminary documents only but supports the work in progress.

Motion

Strenger-Wayne moved that the Commission requests that the Foundation endorse the Affordable Senior Housing Project and continues to be willing to consider future funding in partnership with other community organizations.

Champ seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

7. Manager's Request for FY20 Transportation and Program funding

Becker asked for \$70,000 for program support and \$34,000 for transportation support.

Potsic added that with manual budgeting tracking, Becker was able to identify excess budget money at the end of the last fiscal year and use that for the new carpeting at Dickinson Hall. He gave kudos to Becker.

Motion

Sullivan moved that the Commission requests the Foundation to approve the DH Program support grant of \$70,000 and DH Transportation grant of \$34,000 for the City of Lake Forest FY20 (May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019).

Davis seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

8. Manager's Report (Full Report Attached)

Becker highlighted items in the Manager's Report which included the mass mailing of postcards in October to target individuals in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff to join as new members at pro-rated rate for this membership year. The mailing cost was \$1,500 and so far 9 new members have joined in response to the mailing.

New programs in the evening will be offered and there will be an upcoming health series, some evening parties during the summer months. The Sunday afternoon concert that took place November 4 was well attended for a weekend program.

Beidler suggested square dancing for a program theme.

9. Comments by Commission members

Davis asked each member to share their thoughts on the Senior Affordable Housing project

A discussion took place and the Commission members shared more low cost housing ideas regarding cost, style of building structure, single unit vs. multi-unit and looking at existing vacant condos

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 1:00pm

11. Motion to adjourn: 3:16pm Sullivan moved to adjourn. Davis seconded. Commission approved.

Submitted by: Tara J. Purtell