

The City of Lake Forest
Dickinson Hall
Senior Resources Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2019

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Strenger Wayne opened the meeting at 1:01pm.

Commission Members

Gale Strenger Wayne-Chair **P**

Carol Champ **P**

Mark Dewart **A**

Mark Dillon **P**

Sally Kelly **A**

Ed Richardson **P**

Tom Sullivan **P**

City Council Liaison

Melanie Rummel **P**

Staff

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

Jill Becker, Senior Resources Manager **P**

Janet Fryer, Senior Advocate **P**

Tricia Schwall, Program Manager **P**

Tara Purtell, Administrative Assistant **A**

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

Guests

Robbie Boudreau, Executive Director, Faith in Action

Alan Champ, DH Member

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all those present.
3. **Welcome to New Commission Members** Chair Strenger Wayne welcomed the new commission members and asked all present to talk a little bit about themselves.

4. **Approval of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019 SRC meeting
Commissioner Sullivan asked that the wording of the motions listed in item #3 – Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2019 SRC meeting change the word “amend(ed)” to “correct(ed)” for all 4 motions and change the name from Dillon to Sullivan for the moving of the motions for motions 1, 2 & 3. Corrections were noted and approved.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected from the March 14, 2019 SRC meeting. Commissioner Dillon seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. **Opportunities for Citizens to Address the Senior Resources Commission on Non-Agenda Items**

No comments

6. **Faith in Action Semi-Annual Report**

Robbie Boudreau, Executive Director, Faith in Action (FIA) gave an overview of the semi-annual report to the commissioners. She spoke about supporting older adults whose needs cannot be met by the community, the FIA volunteers, and partnering with Dickinson Hall to have the Roaring 90's Club. She noted that FIA is part of National Volunteer Caregiving Network and that they are exceeding the expectations for services in the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff area this year. A conversation followed. The Chair accepted the FIA semi-annual report for the Commission.

7. **Senior Advocate Semi-Annual Report**

Janet Fryer, Senior Advocate, Dickinson Hall, gave an overview of her semi-annual report which included case management, programs, understanding limitations, tracking unmet needs of the community. A conversation followed and Alderman Rummel asked if there was a way to get more of our member's emails added to the city's email list to keep seniors in the loop of happenings around the area.

8. **LF-LB Senior Citizens Foundation Report**

Chair Strenger Wayne thanked Steve Potsic for his work with the Affordable Senior Housing (ASH) project. She stated that the Foundation had approved up to \$450,000, with \$350,000 from the foundation and two \$50,000 grants. She added that the Housing Trust Fund Board and Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) were on board with going ahead with the project and that Lake County may have some undesignated funds for the project. CPAH would be the project manager for ASH.

Chair Strenger Wayne shared that the Housing Trust Fund Board committed to \$350,000 to support the project and City Council approved the commitment, the consideration of the land transfer of the 5 acres on the Grove Campus property and approved up to 12 cottages. She also stated that Steve Potsic and Paul Lemieux, President of the LF-LB Senior Citizens Foundation, would approach Lake Bluff for financial support. A discussion followed.

Chair Strenger Wayne ended with letting the commissioners know that the new umbrellas were bought and installed on the patio at Dickinson. She spoke about helping Janet with what she needs such as help with Open Enrollment for Medicare and building a more robust volunteer program.

9. Senior Resources Manager's Report

Jill Becker, Manager, Dickinson Hall, gave an overview of her Manager's report including:

- Membership to date and the process of getting previous members who have not yet renewed to renew.
- The new programs at Dickinson Hall, Friday Night Live, Food for Thought and BBQ & Bingo.
- She thanked the commission and the Foundation for their support with the new umbrellas.
- Shared news about the condition of the bus.
- Welcomed the new commissioners and Senior Liaison, Alderman Melanie Rummel.

10. Approval of Representative for the Affordable Senior Housing Project

Chair Strenger Wayne asked for approval for Steve Potsic to act as representative for the Affordable Senior Housing project. Dillon moved and Sullivan seconded. A discussion followed and the original motion and its second was rescinded after the discussion outlined the intended role to authorize Steve Potsic to represent the SRC on all matters of the Affordable Senior Housing project, which could include advocacy, negotiations, disseminating information and writing logistical documents. The SRC continues to have final say on all matters coming out of the SRC.

Commissioner Dillon then made a motion to recommend to the LF-LB Senior Citizens Foundation to appoint Steve Potsic as the liaison to the SRC in all matters related to the ASH project. Commissioner Champ seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. September Annual Members' Meeting Discussion

Manager Becker asked for approval of an annual members' meeting in September 2019. She gave a background of the previous meetings and noted that she would encourage all members of the SRC and the Foundation to attend. Several dates and times were discussed. Ms. Becker was going to send an email with all date and time possibilities and see which worked best.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to approve Dickinson Hall hold an Annual Members' meeting in September 2019 on a date to be determined. Commissioner Dillon seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. Comments by Commission Members

None

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 1:00 pm

14. Adjournment

Commissioner Champ motioned for adjournment. Chair Strenger Wayne seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

Submitted by: Tricia Schwall, Program Manager