

The City of Lake Forest
Dickinson Hall
Senior Resources Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021
Remote Access Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Strenger-Wayne opened the meeting at 1:04pm.

Commission Members

Gale Strenger-Wayne-Chair **P**

Mark Dillon **P**

Phil Hartung **P**

Jill Rosa **P**

Barbara Sheppard **P**

Ed Richardson **P**

City Council Liaison

Jed Morris **P**

Staff

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

Janet Fryer, Senior Advocate **P**

Tricia Schwall, Senior Resources Manager **P**

Tara Purtell, Administrative Assistant **A**

Katie Dolan, Program Supervisor **A**

Others Present

Fred Montgomery

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

Chair Strenger-Wayne welcomed new SRC member, Fred Montgomery, and he gave a brief introduction of himself. Chair Strenger-Wayne also welcomed new City Council Liaison, Jed Morris, and gave appreciation for him supporting the SRC.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11 SRC Meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19 Special SRC Meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Opportunity for citizens to address the Senior Resources Commission on Non-Agenda Items.

No citizens present.

4. Senior Cottages Update

Chair Strenger-Wayne shared a brief update of the Senior Cottages. She explained that Paul Lemieux and she had hoped of going in front of the Plan Commission on May 12, 2021 but that meeting was canceled. Small revisions of the site plan have taken place and they are waiting on final Engineering input. A revised site plan will be circulated once it is available.

Commissioner Dillon asked if the actual site was being changed and Chair Strenger-Wayne confirmed that it was still the same site and the same number of cottages (12-14 units) just changes to the area egress.

5. Manager's Report

Manager Schwall gave an update on membership which is currently 440 members, about 60% of FY21 total membership and 60 new members have joined.

Vaccine Buddies has helped with making Dickinson Hall the "talk of the town" and seniors wanting to join/renew their members. They have helped 1500 people secure vaccination appointments.

The kitchen remodel has been approved by City Council. The remodel will start once the materials come in. Currently, no projected start date.

The library and lobby remodel have moved forward and look amazing and welcoming, just waiting for furniture to arrive in July for both areas.

Poker and Mah Jongg players have returned for in person games with Pinochle returning next week. They choose who they want to play with and sign waivers.

The Membership Appreciation Party is scheduled for next week outdoors. The only thing that would change this would be the weather. Everyone will be called to determine their comfort level if the event is to be held indoors. The total signed up is 69 people. Manager Schwall encouraged SRC Members to attend the free, sponsored event.

The Police Office Picnic will also occur and will be held outdoors; as well as both Friday Night Live Series with great music entertainment lined up.

Manager Schwall also mentioned that Dickinson Hall's first trip back was today with 10 people on the 21 passenger bus to the Art Institute. The smaller bus has been used several times for individuals in wheelchairs for doctors/vaccine appointments.

Chair Strenger-Wayne inquired about the possibility of getting a tent for the outdoor events. A conversation ensued and Manager Schwall responded that she would look into it.

Commissioner Dillon mentioned that he has heard so many compliments about the Vaccine Buddies from the community. Manager Schwall agreed and said that with such competency of the group leaders she is looking at creating a robust volunteer program at DH and these group leaders may be interested.

6. Vaccination Buddies Appreciation

Chair Strenger-Wayne explained to the Commission that a few checks have been received by DH in appreciation of the Vaccine Buddies group. Since this is an organized group of volunteers and not a 501c3, there have been conversations on how and where the money should be deposited. The leaders of the Vaccine Buddies have mentioned they would like to have a volunteer appreciation party in honor of all the volunteers that helped with securing vaccination appointments. Manager Schwall shared that there is currently around \$300 that has been donated on their behalf and there will be a Resolution of Appreciation read at the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting. A discussion took place on how to appropriately distribute the donated monies.

Commissioner Sheppard moved that the SRC requests that the Foundation reimburse Dickinson Hall for its financial contribution to the Vaccine Buddies Volunteer Appreciation Event in an amount up to the amount donated and a match, not to exceed \$500 from the Foundation, as a thank you to the Vaccine Buddies. Commissioner Dillon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of SRC Meeting Dates

Chair Strenger-Wayne brought to the Commission the 2021/22 SRC Meeting Dates. They will continue to be on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:00pm on a bi-monthly basis with the exception of the November date, due to the Veterans Day holiday. Starting with the next meeting, July 8, 2021, the meetings will be held in person at Dickinson Hall.

Commissioner Richardson moved to approve the meeting dates for the 2021/22 SRC calendar year. Commissioner Sheppard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Comments by Commission Members

No comments by Commission Members.

Senior Advocate Fryer added that she was eager to soon start meeting with clients in person as she has been working from home 3 days a week and meeting virtually.

9. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 1:00pm.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Richardson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sheppard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Submitted by: Tara J. Purtell, Administrative Assistant