

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Thursday, October 18, 2018
2:00 p.m.

The Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting and that all deliberations of the Senior Citizens Advisory Panel, which resulted in formal action, were taken in a meeting open to the general public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairperson, Mr. Doberdruk, opened the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Present-

Members: Tom Dreher, Ken Gauntner, Frank Doberdruk, and Spence Kline

Staff: Alyea Barajas, Jason Boyd, Donna Tyson, and Kathy Russo

From the Public: none.

Public Comments -none.

Election of Officers-

Mr. Dreher nominated and moved Mr. Doberdruk as Chair and Mr. Kline seconded the nomination.

Vote: "Ayes": Mr. Dreher, Mr. Kline, And Mr. Gauntner

Abstain: Mr. Doberdruk

Motion carried.

Mr. Doberdruk nominated and moved Mr. Dreher as Vice-Chair and Mr. Gauntner seconded the nomination.

Vote: "Ayes": Mr. Kline, Mr. Gauntner, And Mr.

Doberdruk

Abstain: Mr. Dreher

Motion carried.

Vacancy Discussion:

Mr. Boyd reminded everyone that the Panel is in need of one member. Should the current Panel members know of any interested parties, they should refer them to the Commissioners website to begin the process of stating their interest. Mr. Boyd stated that the Commissioners have been made aware of the vacancy.

Approval of August 14, 2018 minutes:

Mr. Dreher moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018, Mr. Kline seconded the motion to approve.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Dreher, Mr. Gauntner, and Mr. Kline

Abstain: Mr. Doberdruk

Motion carried.

Correspondence -

Willoughby Senior Center Board:

Mrs. Barajas supplied a copy and reviewed an email (and her response) that she received from the Willoughby Senior Center Board Treasurer concerning levy campaign funds. The information had been previously provided to account for spent campaign funds. She responded to Mr. Connell via email on September 25, 2018 answering his various questions and has offered to meet with him further discuss the process. To date she has not heard back from Mr. Connell.

Mr. Gauntner stated that the Advisory Panel is not the proper authority to meet with or explain funding further as they are not responsible for the levy or its funding.

Mr. Dreher stated that Mrs. Barajas sent a very thorough response to Mr. Connell and feels no further information is necessary from the Advisory Panel.

Senior Services Coordinator Updates-

2018 Aging in Lake County Conference

Mrs. Barajas stated that the 2nd Annual Aging in Lake County Conference had 153 attendees compared to 126 last year. She thanked Mr. Kline for agreeing to moderate. There were a total of \$6,750 in total sponsorships which covered 100% of the cost of the conference. Mr. Boyd stated that these sponsorships made it possible for the event to pay for itself therefore no levy dollars were necessary. He indicated that in addition to the Commissioners, many of the west end Mayors were present and that they realize the importance of the aging population in Lake County. Mr. Dreher added that Dr. Accius was an excellent speaker.

2019 Meeting Schedule-

Tuesday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m.

2019 Funding Applications

Mrs. Barajas referred the Panel to the 2019 funding application binders she provided. Mr. Boyd stated that no decisions need to be made today and that he and Mrs. Barajas would welcome any feedback. The Panel, Mrs. Barajas, and Mr. Boyd discussed the details of several applications. Mr. Boyd explained that while the Senior Centers do great things, we must be cognizant of the items that were identified in the 2015 senior study. There are items that were identified in the study that have not been initiated yet, which include free medical and dental services, and in home medical services. These items must be forecasted out over the next five years. Mrs. Barajas provided and reviewed with the Panel a spreadsheet and explained the history, the estimated tracking of visitors, attendance and activities of the Senior Centers over the last eight months. Discussion with the Panel included the use of Laketrans for

transportation to and from the Senior Centers. Mr. Kline asked if the Guardianship Program requested funding. Mrs. Barajas stated that they had an 18 month contract and have are funded through 2019.

Mrs. Barajas stated that the Lake County General Health District has been working with Fairhill Partners (they hold the licensing for the program) in hopes of offering a 10 class program on Matter of Balance which would be offered to the senior centers and other senior locations in the county. She added that the Senior Centers have a waiting list for this program. Mr. Kline stated that this is a great program that would have a huge impact on the lives of the seniors. Mrs. Tyson asked if this would be a collaboration between the Health District and Senior Centers. Mrs. Barajas stated it would be a collaboration and that the intent was each senior center would enlist volunteers for the program.

Mr. Kline asked how much money was currently in the Contingency Fund. Mrs. Barajas responded \$382,000.

Mrs. Barajas stated that the Painesville Senior Center will eventually be moving into the First Church of Christ Church. She also stated that The NRP Development Corporation continues to be interested in building a new 76 unit senior living residence located on Mentor Avenue near the Painesville YMCA. Their previous application was denied.

Mr. Boyd stated that Painesville Senior Center returned (did not use) \$8,000 last year and that they have a very healthy reserve.

Mr. Dreher gave a detailed update on the funding applications (which included Senior Centers, Council on Aging, and RSVP, etc.), focusing his report on salaries/benefits rather than total requests. He broke down their budgets and requests and gave the percentage of each applicant's budget that is used to be used on salaries. Reviewed and broke down Mentor Senior Centers funding applications (past and current applications) The Panel, Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Tyson, and Mrs. Barajas discussed the details of several requests, including Mentor Senior Center. Mrs. Barajas stated other than bus trips, there have never been restrictions on the use of the money. Mr. Boyd explained the formula that the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging utilizes for their funding.

Discussion continued on the importance of socialization and programming that the Centers provide. Mr. Gauntner asked Mrs. Barajas and Mr. Boyd how they would like the Panel to make their recommendations for funding. Mr. Boyd stated that the Panel can email their recommendations and any questions they might have.

Mr. Dreher stated the County is much further ahead with the addition of Mrs. Barajas as the dedicated senior coordinator.

Old Business – none.

New Business:

Mrs. Barajas stated that the Coalition is preparing to update their bylaws and will consult with the Prosecutor's Office.

General Discussion:

Mr. Boyd stated that the Senior Advisory Panel is still in need of one member. The vacancy and application is posted on the Commissioners website.

Adjournment: Mr. Doberdruk moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m. and Mr. Gauntner seconded the motion. Discussion: none.

Vote: "All Ayes"
Motion carried.

*The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.