

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
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. Ken Gauntner, opened the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Present

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

Staff: Jason Boyd and Kathy Russo

From the Public: No one was present from the public.

Absent: Joel DiMare, Jr., Donna Tyson, Ellen Cantor

Public Comments

None.

Minutes

Mr. Kline moved to approve the October 27, 2015 minutes as submitted and Mr. Doberdruk seconded the motion.

Vote: "Ayes": Gauntner, Doberdruk, Kline
Abstain: Dreher
Motion carried.

Mr. Dreher moved to approve the November 17, 2015 minutes as submitted and Mr. Doberdruk seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Dreher referred the Panel to pages 2 and 3 of the minutes and asked for an update regarding Mr. Boyd's statement that further discussion is needed for placing a maximum reimbursement threshold for capital improvements of the Centers annual allocations as the contingency fund is for unexpected emergencies.

Mr. Boyd stated that is an action item in the Operational Plan of the Senior Study and the goal for this item is 2016 or 2017. He explained that contracts and reimbursement based payment strategies were instituted in 2016 and in 2017 the Panel will discuss and make a decision on whether to commit to capital expenditures from the contingency fund.

Vote: "All Ayes."
Motion carried.

Mr. Dreher moved to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes as submitted and Mr. Kline seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Dreher referred the Panel to page 2 of the minutes asking if there would be further discussion regarding the possible collaboration project and the issue of homeless seniors. He also

referred to page 3 under “new business” pertaining to Goal #1 of the Plan regarding Capital and Major Equipment from contingency resources.

Mr. Boyd responded to Mr. Dreher’s inquiry regarding the homelessness issue with senior component. He stated the subject is touched upon briefly in the Plan and it is not known whether the Panel and the Board of Commissioners would like to move forward with the partnership initiative and there would need to be a proposed plan. There is still discussion to be had on the proposed partnership.

Vote: “Ayes”: Dreher, Doberdruk Kline
Abstain: Gauntner
Motion carried.

Correspondence

Mr. Boyd provided the Panel with a copy of an email received from Painesville Senior Center Director, Ms. Denise Powell. Mr. Boyd explained that the Painesville Senior Center has developed a partnership with the Painesville YMCA. Mr. Boyd stated that he will be speaking with Ms. Powell later in the week to discuss the financial needs of the Painesville Senior Center. Mr. Gauntner asked if the Senior Center location would actually be located within the YMCA. Mr. Boyd responded they would be located in the Painesville YMCA and their schedule for the senior programs will fill time gaps at the YMCA.

Senior Coalition Update

Mr. Boyd explained that 10 of the 12 contracts have been fully executed. The remaining 2 have questions concerning the contracts and he will be discussing their questions with them in the very near future. Mr. Boyd stated that outlined within the contracts are the scope of services, deliverables and reimbursements. Mr. Boyd stated he has had several inquiries about the Senior Levy renewal and The Senior Coalition will be meeting sometime in June.

Senior Projects

Mr. Boyd reported today was Senior Day at the Great Lakes Mall and that Mrs. Tyson put in many hours into gathering information from several County offices that offer senior and veteran services so that they would be available for distribution. Mr. Dreher and Mr. Boyd stated that it was very well attended this year.

Old Business - none

New Business – Mr. Boyd reported, that at the recommendation of the Panel, he approached the Board of Commissioners regarding the need for a Senior Services Coordinator. The Commissioners agreed with this suggestion and the position has been posted to the Lake County website. Mr. Boyd stated that he has reached out to a number of offices that deal in Senior Services for a wider applicant resource. He added that 40 applications and resumes have been received thus far and the goal is for the new hire to be in place by August.

Mr. Boyd provided the Panel with an email regarding a possible new collaboration and draft copy of the Lake County Senior Citizens Partnership Initiative. Mr. Boyd outlined the draft, explaining that the partnership eligibility would involve a current senior citizen levy recipient partnering with a new

senior service provider. He stated each project would receive \$25,000 a year for 2 years from the contingency fund. Mr. Boyd reviewed the draft of the initiative in detail and the Panel continued to discuss ideas for potential projects. Mr. Boyd asked the Panel what their thoughts were on the initial \$100,000 and whether they felt that funding would be enough to make a substantial impact. Mr. Gauntner stated he likes the idea of the partnership and is open to considering other suggestions. The Panel offered and discussed several ideas for the partnerships and breakdowns of project award monies.

Mr. Boyd stated that the application process should be as simple as possible and would like any suggestions the Panel has offer. Mr. Dreher stated the Senior Study suggests numerous times within the report to consider an increase in the Levy.

Mr. Kline thanked Mrs. Tyson and Mr. Boyd for all the hard work that they have done. Mr. Gauntner stated he also appreciates all of their hard work and dedication.

Adjournment

Mr. Doberdruk moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. and Mr. Kline seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

*The next meeting will be held August 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.