

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
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.

Vice Chairperson, Mr. Dreher, opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Present-

Members: Tom Dreher, Ken Gauntner, and Lyle Shull

Staff: Alyea Barajas and Donna Tyson

From the Public: Fairport Senior Center Vice-President Ms. Lois Orosz, Fairport Senior Center members Mr. Joel Guthleben and Mr. Sidney A. Rose, Mr. Joe Tomsick from Council on Aging

Absent: Mr. Spence Kline, Mr. Frank Doberdruk, Mr. Jason Boyd and Ms. Kathy Russo

Public Comments – Ms. Lois Orosz asked if all the senior centers in Lake County are doing their daily tracking the same. Mrs. Barajas responded that the Centers do not collect the data the same way but it is the same data (content) that is being asked for and reported. All centers have the same spreadsheets to record. Ms. Orosz requested a copy of all the information when it is compiled. Mrs. Barajas stated that she would have that information completed for review by mid to late May. Mrs. Barajas continued to discuss with the members from Fairport Harbor Senior Center the data that is being collected and why.

Nomination and Election of 2020 Officers

Mr. Dreher stated that, according to the by-laws, every two years a new chairperson and vice chairperson must be elected. He stated he would accept nominations from the Board for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Gauntner nominated and moved for Mr. Tom Dreher as Chairperson, Mr. Shull seconded the nomination.

Vote: "Ayes": Mr. Gauntner and Mr. Shull

Abstain: Mr. Dreher

Motion carried.

Mr. Dreher nominated and moved for Mr. Lyle Shull as Vice-Chair, Mr. Gauntner seconded the nomination.

Vote "Ayes": Mr. Gauntner and Mr. Dreher

Abstain: Mr. Shull

Motion carried.

Approval of October 15, 2019 minutes:

Mr. Gauntner moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019, Mr. Shull seconded the motion to approve.

Vote: "All Ayes"

Motion carried.

Correspondence –

A request for information was received from Ms. Lois Orosz and Mrs. Barajas responded and provided the information. A copy was provided to the Panel.

Senior Services Coordinator Updates-

2019 Levy Funding; 2020 Funding Allocations:

Mrs. Barajas stated that funding allocations for 2019 have been closed out with some unused funds from several agencies. These unused funds include the Fairport Senior Center with \$8,406., the Lake County General Health District: \$12,852, Council on Aging: \$147,935., and Lifeline: \$46,000. Many of these unused funds were due to open positions or the agency receiving unexpected additional funds. However, in the case of the Fairport Senior Center, it seems there is some disconnect between the Seniors Center Board and the Village of Fairport Harbor. They will be meeting at a later date to discuss further.

Mrs. Barajas explained that the 2020 award letters along with the recipient agreements have been distributed, with the exceptions of the Painesville Senior Center and the Western Reserve Community Development Corporation (WRCDC). WRCDC's contract does not end until April 30th, 2020 and some modifications are being made to adjust the end date to their contract to March 31st, 2020 as they are running out of funding. WRCDC provides home improvements to seniors and the program is going very well. She stated that she has been working with Toni Marie Ciliberto for outlining WRCDC's qualifications for funding.

Painesville Senior Center submitted a business plan/request for funding (a copy is included in the Panel's packets for review) on January 22, 2020. The plan outlines its transition from a traditional senior center to the Village. Response questions were submitted to Center Director, Ms. Denise Powell on February 2nd, to date there has been no response. The Panel and Mrs. Barajas briefly discussed the funding request from Painesville Senior Center. Mr. Dreher suggested that the Panel have this on the next meeting agenda to discuss this request further.

Contingency Requests

Eastlake Senior Center Contingency Request:

Mrs. Barajas stated that in September of 2019, a contingency fund application from the Eastlake Senior Center in the amount of \$30,000 was received for the purchase of air conditioners. At that time, the Panel and Mrs. Barajas reviewed the quotes and it was suggested they postpone any decision as the building was for sale. A letter of denial has been sent to them due to the future uncertainty of the building.

Wickliffe Senior Center Contingency Request:

Mrs. Barajas stated that the Wickliffe Senior Center submitted a small request for a commercial refrigerator and freezer unit that is used by the center and Council on Aging for the congregate meals. Their request for \$2,352.00 was approved by the Commissioners.

Mrs. Barajas referred to the request from Council on Aging that she just yesterday for some building renovations. Mrs. Barajas provided the request to the Panel in their packet and Mr. Tomsick is present to explain and answer any questions.

Mr. Tomsick stated that they had been working with architects and engineers sometime last fall (2019). The architects work was done on a volunteer basis and saved them quite a bit of money. He is respectfully requesting approval of some of the improvements proposed. Mr. Tomsick reviewed the details of the work that they would like done. He explained that the total cost of the improvements would be \$67,000 and that Council on Aging will pay for the difference between the contingency request and the total costs. He added that this is would be done in steps rather than all at one time. Mr. Dreher thanked Mr. Tomsick for coming in and providing a detailed report. He stated that the Panel would need time to review and process the work that is to be done and that they would discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Strategic Initiative

Mrs. Barajas stated that Collaborative Partners along with consultant, Mr. Fierman presented at the coalition meeting in January and was able to show them the very beginning stages of their data displayed on MapDash. Most seemed very interested in the data and excited about the process. Many felt it was a tool that would be helpful with their city managers/mayors. We are currently in the process of refining and putting some finishing touches on the data. We are in the data collection phase with all the levy partners. We anticipating this data collection phase to last through April.

Old Business – none.

New Business: none.

General Discussion:

Mr. Gauntner asked what the current balance of the contingency fund was. Mrs. Barajas stated that it is approximately \$230,000.

Mr. Tomsick invited the panel members to the March for Meals (3/21) event that will be hosted by Council on Aging and is their only fundraising event of the year.

Adjournment:

Mr. Dreher moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m. and Mr. Shull seconded the motion.
Discussion: none.

Vote: "All Ayes"
Motion carried.

*The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.