



MINUTES

North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission

August 28, 2017, 3:00 PM

Hays Center

The Senior Citizens Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Blankenbeker at 3:00 PM.

Present were: Virginia Raum, Marleene Calvin, Dick Giddings, Robert Barnes, Eddie Powell, Belinda Snow and Dick Blankenbeker. A quorum was declared.

Absent were: Murry Witcher and Dorothy Romes.

Eddie Powell made a motion to excuse Dorothy Romes and Murry Witcher, seconded by Dick Giddings. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Dick Giddings. The motion was seconded by Marleene Calvin. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rhodes gave a brief overview of the financial information and bank accounts reporting that all financials are in good order. Ms. Rhodes discussed the 2018 budget and it was submitted for review. A \$20,000 increase in the Salaries line item for part-time employees reflects payroll projections for having all six Activity Director positions and two bus driver positions filled, each at \$10/hour.

Eddie Powell made a motion to accept the financial information and seconded by Virginia Raum. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Rhodes gave a program update stating that AARP will be hosting a photobooth event on September 11th. Sugar Skull Wreath demonstration will be held on September 5th in the lobby. This wreath will be featured on TV. A Health Fair on September 18th is being held in the gallery with vendors and door prizes. Every second Friday of the month the Hays Center will be on KATV to discuss senior activities. Commissioners discussed the proposed Diversity Workshop and determined it would be better suited in a different environment to ensure a diverse pool of participants. The organizers would be welcome to invite Hays Center members to participate. All were in favor of the workshop being held at another facility. The Director's monthly report to the Mayor has been added to the Commission packet.

Ms. Rhodes informed the Commission in regards to building maintenance.

- HVAC Maintenance – Contract is in effect and appears to be preventing larger AC outages.

- Lap Pool – Leak and Plaster fixed. Cost: \$2,097 for leak; \$1,465 for plaster repair.
- Ballroom – AR Shades and Blinds will install new blinds on Friday, Sept. 22. The lower windows will have chain-operated blinds, the top windows will have permanent blinds. The doors will also be outfitted with a solid fabric blind. Cost: \$9,150.
- Sprinkler – Val Henry from Central Arkansas Water was expected to visit and advise Ms. Rhodes on locating leak.

Ms. Rhodes presented Commissioners with the updated Membership Policy, which has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office. Commissioners discussed the following items:

- Out of state members must pay \$150
- 5 day extended day pass eligible to everyone
- Service Animals
- Day trips eligibility on refunds
- Weapons Ban- State Law changed

Ms. Rhodes stated there had been no entries in the Suggestion Box.

Ms. Rhodes presented the Commission with a trip cost analysis, including a recommendation to charge up to \$10 for long-distance trips. Mr. Blankenbeker asked Ms. Rhodes to put it on the agenda for a vote in September.

A motion was made by Virginia Raum to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Marleene Calvin. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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Approved by Belinda Snow, Secretary