

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting
Minutes for April 24, 2017

The North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission met on April 24, 2017 at the Hays Center. Chairman Dick Blankenkemper called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dick Giddings was absent. Virginia Raum made a motion to excuse Mr. Giddings' absence and the motion was seconded by Murry Witcher. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Eddie Powell and seconded by Marleene Calvin to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017. Ms. Calvin and Mr. Blankenkemper pointed out that their names were misspelled. Noting the needed corrections, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Blankenkemper introduced and welcomed the new executive director, Bernadette Rhodes.

Financial reports were distributed with the board packet. Charley Baxter reported that the agency is doing well financially. The agency receipts include the \$105,000 PILOT funds from NLRHA. He discussed approaching the banks about reducing some of the service charges. Eddie Powell made a motion to accept the financial report, Dorothy Romes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Eddie Powell asked if the sprinklers had been repaired. Mr. Baxter stated he believed they had. Mr. Baxter also reported that extensive work was needed for the parking lot.

New Business: There was no new business.

Program Update: The commissioners received a written program update from Mr. Baxter dated April 24, 2017. Mr. Baxter supplemented the report with the following discussion:

- 1) Ms. Rhodes and Mr. Baxter have been meeting with community partners and staff. They have also reviewed agency finances and policy/procedures.
- 2) Murry Witcher asked if there were plans to purchase additional vehicles. Mr. Baxter replied not at this time because the center was cutting down on long trips. Ms. Rhodes asked the board members to refer information to her regarding potential CDL drivers.
- 3) The Volunteer Luncheon will be held on May 11. Suzanne Jackson of the History Commission will be acknowledged.

Public Comment:

Louise Baltimore attended the meeting and offered positive comments about Mr. Baxter. She stated she was a volunteer and advocate for the disabled and would be attending the meetings occasionally to learn about the agency.

Adjournment: At 3:28 Murry Witcher made a motion to adjourn, Marleene Calvin seconded the motion.

Belinda Snow, Secretary