Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2016

The North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission met on August 22, 2016 at the Hays Center. Chairman Dick Blankenbeker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mary Ruth Morgan was absent. Mr. Baxter stated that an approval for her absence was not necessary in light of her pending resignation from the commission.

A motion was made by Murry Witcher and seconded by Robert Barnes to approve the minutes of June 22, 2016.

Financial reports were distributed with the board packet. Charley Baxter reported the center was still doing well and operating well within the projected budget. Dick Blankenbeker asked if any CDs were coming due, to which Mr. Baxter responded one for Willow had recently expired and was cashed and deposited. In response to Eddie Powell's inquiry about new members, Mr. Baxter stated new membership was progressing well. He also responded to Mr. Powell's question about an \$11,600 deposit. Mr. Baxter explained the deposit was a refund of a payment made in error for equipment. A motion was made by Eddie Powell to accept the financial report. Virginia Raum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Rental Policy Amendment – Mr. Baxter the amended policy which allows two hours to set up/take down decorations that will not be included in the event rental time. A motion was made by Eddie Powell to approve the revision, Dick Giddings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Program Update: The commissioners received a written program update dated August 22, 2016 from Mr. Baxter. Mr. Baxter supplemented the report with the following discussion:

- 1) Mr. Baxter suggested a plaque to honor Mary Ruth Morgan. The board agreed it was appropriate.
- 2) Mr. Baxter provided clarification on the dehumidifier and reported it is now working.
- 3) The residents of Bowker House approached Mayor Smith about new furniture for the lobby. The residents have selected furniture and presented a purchase order for \$4895 to Mr. Baxter. NLRHA will order the furniture.
- 4) The 2017 budget is complete and the Hays Center will have \$90,000 in the reserve account. The salary budget was increased by \$19,000.
- 5) Staff is in the process of procuring contracts for maintenance of the HVAC, the video lighting system, and pool humidifiers.
- 6) Activities for July included five rentals and the cereal challenge sponsored by the police department. Upcoming activities include the Red Hat Club contest on 9/22.

The commissioners discussed the current status of the wellness clinic, the new telephone operating system, and the center's art inventory. Eddie Powell made a motioned to adjourn, Murry Witcher seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Belinda Snow, Secretary