

NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 21, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order:  
Meeting called to order by Chairperson J. Purtell at 1:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call:  
Commission Members: Patrick Giesa, Angela Jaafar, Cyndy Jankowski, Bob Lipmyer, Jan Purtell (Chair), Dory Schmidt, Jan Valade (Vice Chair), Kim Voytal,  
Excused: Lesa Buckland  
Staff Members: Mark Gasche, Stephanie McNees  
Guest: Andrea Murdock
3. Announcements and Citizens Comments: none
4. Adoption of the Agenda:  
Motion to approve agenda as submitted made by B. Lipmyer, second by J. Valade. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes  
Motion by B. Lipmyer to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting, second by J. Valade. C. Jankowski abstained (not at November 18 mtg.) Motion passed.
6. Monthly Reports
  - A. Supervisor's Report- McNees  
Stephanie noted that she has been receiving several calls weekly from people inquiring about getting vaccines, and what process to use. She gave an overview of the information she has been sharing with seniors who call the center; explaining that each county has a different process. Now Meijer stores are taking appointments for vaccines, including by phone.
  - B. Transportation Program Report - McNees
    1. Ridership Report - 2020  
Ridership for the year totaled slightly over 50% of previous years. Transportation is now operating a M/W/F schedule and so far all requests have been accommodated. The Pilot Program for special trips is suspended until we begin operating closer to a normal schedule for 2-3 months.
    2. SMML Ridership Report – 2020  
With the changeover in staffing in 2020 we realized that people had been tracking the ridership data differently. Staff is going back through the full year to double-check the numbers. The report will be sent out to NSAC members once it is complete. Going forward, staff will share this report with the NSAC when it is submitted to SMML – bi-annually.
    3. Received funding from SMML for \$10,000 in support of the 2021 Transportation program.
    4. Transportation Committee update – will postpone evaluation of program until ridership levels are back to normal for 2-3 months. Will update at April 15 mtg.

C. Participation Report – 2020 – McNees

Overall programs are down due to the COVID pandemic. Some programs stopped completely in March, while others have gradually been able to resume on a limited basis.

D. Recent/upcoming events/programs/trips - McNees

1. Virtual Fitness/Yoga classes – currently running 8 virtual classes with 78 total participants
2. Virtual Cooking Demonstration - Independent Village is offering two more cooking demos on 1/26 and 2/23; registered participants pick up all of the needed ingredients at NCC (free), then get a link to a video they can watch and prepare their meal at their convenience.
3. AARP Tax Assistance – This popular service will be offered on a limited basis in 2021 on Thursdays beginning 2/4 and running through 4/8. Appointments are being taken now for the 150 available spots and as of today, only 12 times remain open.

J. Valade offered kudos to Stephanie for the nice program provided to Allen Terrace residents, with hand written Christmas cards, a cookie and a candy cane. They were very much appreciated. The program was sponsored by Northville Community Foundation/Maybury Farm, Community Financial, and Gary Allen. Several Commissioners also commented on how they liked the new Inspire newsletter.

7. Old Business

- A. Operations status – Beginning 2/1 the Center will open doors to the public and offer limited participation programs, based on the current MDHHS guidelines of 25% capacity, with masks and social distancing.

Staffing - Senior Services front desk returned on a reduced hours schedule (9:00am – 12:00pm) beginning 1/19. They will resume a 5 day per week schedule. The Supervisor is currently working remotely 2 days per week, which may be revised once the building is open. It is also planned to bring Building Attendants on an “as needed” part-time basis to assist with program coverage. The Transportation Coordinator remains on lay-off and the Recreation Coordinator position is vacant.

- B. 2021 Goals Update – 2021 Goals were presented with the caveat that they may need to be modified, depending on building openings/closures and COVID Guidelines, particularly for programs. Motion by P. Giesa to approve the 2021 Goals as presented, second by J. Valade. Motion passed.

8. New Business - none

9. Reports

A. City Liaison report- Giesa

- New restaurant opening – Toria (formerly Edwards) in April; seating for 24 indoors.
- Approved a plan to convert street lighting and some City facilities, i.e. DPW to LED.
- Approved new bargaining agreement with Police and Fire.
- Established 3 new Task Forces – Ford Field, Riverwalk, and Farmer’s Market to solicit input on what direction these potential projects should take. There is a community survey available online.
- The Sustainability Task Force has been operating for a year now with good results
- Pooler is making plans to expand; they are in negotiations with the City to purchase a small piece of land adjacent to their property.
- There are currently two charging stations located downtown for electric vehicles.

B. Township Liaison report - Jankowski

- Township BOT rescinded the 1% administrative fee on tax bills
- A new Legacy Park (7 Mile Property) Committee was formed to review the Master Plan
- A Pathways Committee was formed to review non-motorized transportation
- Township Board meeting tonight at 7:00 pm via Zoom

C. School Board Liaison report – Jaafar

- The new Hillside Middle School opened to students; it is very nice. Virtual tours will be offered to the public soon.
- NPS is working on getting vaccines for teachers and staff; reviewing options.
- NPS has been a leader in offering hybrid options for combination in-person and virtual classes.
- A virtual Open House for the High School will be offered soon.
- The new parking lot at Hillside MS likely won't be complete until school opens in fall 2021.

D. Chairperson and Commissioner comments –

- Question raised about posting NSAC minutes on the City and Township websites. They are posted once they have been approved. Staff will check to be sure they are up to date.

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by J. Valade, second by P. Giesa. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm
- Next meeting Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom