

Senior Center Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2010 8:00AM Room B

Meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Henderson at 8:00AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Ald. Marilyn Montemayor, Ald. Julie Kath, Pat Henderson, Greg Robinson, Cher Pao Vang, Mary Nowacki, Carl Rigotti and Richard Manny

Excused: Pat Weisrock, Wendy Schmitz, Don Guske

The May 20, 2010 minutes were approved with no additions or corrections.

A “huge “ welcome was extended to the new Aldermanic Commission members who were thanked for their attendance, presence, and participation in the meeting.

Communications:

None

Old Business:

An updated Commission Member list was handed out with additions and/or corrections made.

The Commission on Aging bylaws were distributed with the intention of correcting and submitting them to the City Council for approval. After lengthy discussion it was determined that more study and discussion was needed. Items of concern were:

- 1) The words “elderly” to be replaced by “seniors” and “city” of Sheboygan to be changed to “Sheboygan area”.
- 2) That the bylaws of the Commission and the bylaws of the Friends could be placed more in alignment so there would be better consistency in policy and operation of the Senior Center.
- 3) City Council membership on the Commission on Aging is undergoing adjustment and will be approved on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will then incorporate this adjustment in our bylaws.

Once these items have been addressed and agreed upon they will then be sent to the Council for approval.

New Business:

A general waiver and indemnification form was distributed to all members present which resulted in considerable discussion. The initial purpose of this form was to seek no legal liability on the part of the Senior Center toward the participants partaking in the sky diving event in July. It was suggested that the Center needs to develop a general waiver policy that will include all activities that would require a signed waiver by the participants with additional clarification added for specific events. Specifically:

- 1) The phrase “certain rights” needs to be placed in the upper portion of the document as well as in its present location.
- 2) More clarification needs to be addressed to participants who are minors or under age 55.
- 3) More clarification needs to be addressed to participants who are not members of the Senior Center or Friends.

These issues are in need of the opinion of the City Attorney. Any additions and/or corrections will be submitted to that office.

Other Reports:

The artists' trip to Key Largo, FL was very successful. Their artwork will be shown at a gathering at the Senior Center on June 17, 2010.

Building and Grounds: The cooling system is up and running well.

Center attendance: This continues to grow. The Thursday night activities also continue to gain in numbers. However, with the summer months ahead there may be a leveling off or decline which is understandable as the weather permits more outside activity.

Walking Bus Project: Greg shared that Wednesday is the day that Seniors will be walking children to Grant School in the Fall. There will be participants of this program walking in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Friends Annual meeting: Was held May 25<sup>th</sup> at Deland Park. Richard Manny said it was a good gathering with good food and friendship. He also stated that the Friends Board needs to decide soon whether it will pursue either a near-term or long term plan for the Senior Center. Pat added that possible future partners in the endeavor have presented themselves at different meetings with their suggestions for the future.

Readers' Theater: Pat reported that there is the possibility of gaining rights to a script that the group would like to perform sometime in the future.

Financial: On a positive note, the city budget does not plan to cut any funding to the Senior Center; but which also includes no increase in funding.

Other Business:

Carl Rigotti suggested that committees be formed to look into future activities and then be ready to report at this Commission's meeting. It seems that a report along with recommendation would help the Commission come to more timely decisions. This will be taken under advisement.

Cher Pao Vang then suggested that photographs of the members of the Commission and Friends Board be placed in a prominent place within the Center. This would allow the members of the Center to know who is working behind the scenes allowing for growth and stability of the Senior Center.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:50AM. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Nowacki, Commission Member