

Portage Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MONTH: September, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Ann Perkins, Mary Lou Petruccio, Trudy Riker, Larry Smith, Gloria Padilla-Carlson, Albert Steffens, Sharon White, Bill Wieringa

Absent Excused: Art Roberts, Jean Wenz

Absent Un-excused: None

Staff: Kim Phillips, PSC Manager and Kathleen Hoyle, Director of Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizen Services

Call to order time: 2:30 PM

Travel Program, Trudy Riker: Grand Hotel for a full week, lots of non-members joined the PSC and 47 signed up saying they want to go again. Ed & Ted's a little disappointing due to dog trainers being ill. Local Treasures was successful with a featured stop at Dawn's house. Trip preview was 150 attended and \$20,000 in trip revenue to date. We also have some trips sold out with waiting lists. Kudos to the trip coordinator and committee on putting together a fabulous event. Comment from Kim was that MSC database has streamlined the sign up process. A Mystery Dinner will take place at the Senior Center and volunteers are requested for this event.

Friends of PSC Board Update, Trudy Riker: Discussion about the purse sale began the Friends meeting. Also discussed the fall kick off barbeque and volunteers are needed for this event as well as future purse sales. The application for liquor license for the purse sale was approved. Building update was discussed as well. A letter of support was approved by the Friends Board addressing building needs. Website was reviewed and ways to increase involvement with the website were discussed including the idea of a scavenger hunt, and Instagram.

Fall kickoff recommendation to include Larry Smith at this event as a representative of the board.

Legislative Update, Kim Phillips: The potential for a senior millage was spoken to last month and hand outs are available.

The MMAP program is slated to be cut, Kim will email information to board members and reiterated how important the program is.

Health and Wellness: There was no report on Health and Wellness at this meeting.

Managers Report: The purse sale has taken quite a bit of effort recently, What's Cooking in Portage went well but the evening meal was not held due to lack of interest. (What's Cooking sessions were between the PDL and PSC.) The Garden Tea was a big success this past month. Speed Dating has quieted down for the moment, but is on schedule for future events as they are being requested.

Old Business: Membership revocation policy: The list of prohibitive behaviors currently in the membership manual does not include disciplinary action. Are there behaviors/infractions such as solicitation or possession of weapons that we need to add to this list and what disciplinary actions does the board recommend for each infraction? Staff investigates the incidents as they are reported. The PSC cannot ban firearms carried with a permit.

Comments included that verbal or physical assault should jump right to membership suspension and theft also. Intoxication might start with a verbal warning. Damage of property and individuals should carry immediate consequences. Repeated violations means after a warning the offense is repeated. A verbal or written warning depending on the severity of the disruptive. Board reviewed each infraction and decided on what type of response was most appropriate.

Board Secretary Position: Kim reminded the board that next month they will need to secure a secretary.

New Business: Kim gave a Power Point presentation on possible expansion of the building. Square foot 7,500 current, recommendations are over 20,000 square feet.

Space separates Active vs. passive, loud vs. quiet. Byce and Associates were plugging in the types of activities and came up with a division in the floor plan that accommodates a full spectrum of activities without impacting others.

Cost of on-site expansion 4.7 million (basement included for storage, two level building). Cost of new building 5.4 million.

Kathleen and Kim are currently leaning toward keeping the original site due to accessibility of the library and park trails. Services have to be available during construction and this is built into the plan.

Formal motion for letter of support to council to advocate for the senior center building was made by Al Steffens. The motion was seconded by Trudy Riker and there was unanimous approval for the letter of support. Bill Wierenga will craft the letter and Kim will forward to the administration.

Al suggested the C. S. Mott Foundation as a grant (funding) possibility.

Reminders, Bill Wieringa:

Farmer's Markets Sunday 10-2

Saturday purse sale

Candidate forum on the 28th at 6:00

Flu Clinic Friday 29th presented by Borgess

Advisory Board Comments:

Gloria Padilla Carlson submitted her resignation from the Board.

Citizen comments:

None.

Time Adjourned: 3:30 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2:30PM