

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION JANUARY 8, 2015

MEETING of the **OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION** held at the Older Persons' Activity Center, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan, 48307.

CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, January 8, 2015, Governing Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Bikson at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7) Stuart Bikson, John (Jack) Dalton, Terry Gonser, William Jandeska, Micheline Sommers, Lucy Strand, Mark Tisdel

Absent: 1) Kevin Brown

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Renee Cortright, Older Persons' Commission Executive Director

Chairman Bikson welcomed new Board member Mark Tisdel, from the Rochester Hills City Council.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - none

PUBLIC COMMENT

• Bruce Erickson, a Rochester resident, proposed building a hydroponic greenhouse, on the deck outside the dining room, to grow vegetables for the Nutrition Department. His proposal was referred to Ms. Cortright and the Facility Committee for further review.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2014, MINUTES

MOTION by Gonser, supported by Sommers, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2014, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdel

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2014, CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

MOTION by Strand, supported by Dalton, **Resolved**, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of December 4, 2014, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdel

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary Strand collected the copies of the Closed Session minutes, initialed by each Commissioner, placed them in an envelope, sealed it, and gave it to the Recording Secretary for archive.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

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Chairman Bikson opened the floor to nominations for the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Chairman Bikson informed, an email was received from Kevin Brown stating, he would like to be considered for Chairman. Commissioner Strand nominated Stuart Bikson as Chairman. Commissioner Dalton nominated Kevin Brown as Chairman.

Commissioner Tisdel stated, he spoke with Commissioner Brown and past member Michael Webber. They both agreed it would be acceptable for Chairman Bikson to continue, and nominate Kevin Brown for Vice-Chairman.

No further nominations brought forward. Chairman Bikson closed the nominations and requested a roll call vote for Stuart Bikson as Chairman.

Aye: 5) Bikson, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand, Tisdel

Nay: 2) Dalton, Sommers

Absent: 1) Brown

Vote passes for **Stuart Bikson as Chairman.**

Commissioner Strand nominated Terry Gonser for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Tisdel nominated Kevin Brown for Vice-Chairman. No further nominations brought forward. Chairman Bikson closed the nominations and requested a roll call vote for Vice-Chairman.

Roll call vote for Terry Gonser as Vice-Chairman.

Aye: 4) Bikson, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand

Nay: 3) Dalton, Sommers, Tisdel

Absent: 1) Brown

Vote fails due to no majority.

Roll call vote for Kevin Brown as Vice-Chairman.

Aye: 3) Dalton, Sommers, Tisdel

Nay: 4) Bikson, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand

Absent: 1) Brown

Vote fails due to no majority.

MOTION by Dalton, supported by Tisdel, **Resolved**, to table the vote for Vice-Chairman until the next meeting.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdel

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Dalton, supported by Commissioner Sommers, nominated Lucy Strand as Secretary. No further nominations brought forward. Chairman Bikson closed the nominations and requested a vote for Lucy Strand as Secretary.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdel

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

Vote passes for **Lucy Strand as Secretary.**

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Commissioner Jandeska, supported by Commissioner Sommers, nominated John (Jack) Dalton as Treasurer. No further nominations brought forward. Chairman Bikson closed the nominations and requested a vote for Jack Dalton as Treasurer.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdell

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

Vote passes for **John (Jack) Dalton as Treasurer.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Cortright reported the following:

- The timing of the Transportation Millage Renewal in Rochester Hills, and the Charter Township of Oakland, is out of cycle with each other. She suggests putting the millage on the August 2015 ballot in Rochester Hills and the August 2016 ballot in the Charter Township of Oakland. The Finance Committee will review the current millage rate and the budget forecasts, as it will be a ten year renewal.
- Wendy Treichel, IT Department Head is organizing webinars with staff to review two potential Senior Center Client Relationship Management systems which would replace the current database and add on-line class registration.
- The Annual Giving Campaign has been very successful with over \$26,500 in donations. 25% of Board Members, 100% of full time, and 25% of part-time employees contributed to the campaign, demonstrating to the community their commitment to the mission.
- Participants of the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program were recently surveyed in regard to their satisfaction with the meals. The results were as follows: 85% feel the portion size is just right, 99% appreciate the complimentary pantry packs, 93% appreciate receiving frozen meals when OPC is closed, 85% reported that home delivered meals are a main source of food. 68% of participants are female, and the median age of MOW participants is 86 years of age.
- The Bylaws' Committee is continuing to review the bylaws with parliamentarian Coco Siewart. A January meeting is scheduled.
- Thank you to the Board for contributing to the Staff Holiday Party, and participating.
- Thank you to Ray and Mary Elizabeth Nicholson for providing 300 poinsettias for the MOW clients during the holidays. Also, thank you to the Rochester Hills' staff and community members who made cookies for the MOW clients.
- The community and staff donated items for 153 holiday food baskets delivered to area seniors. A thank you note was received from a basket recipient, stating, "Thank you for your thoughtfulness during the holidays. It was greatly appreciated."

Upcoming OPC Events:

- OPC's 5th Annual Indoor Triathlon, January 17, 2015

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- "Terrific Tuesday," January 13th, Theme: "Climb Every Mountain"
- "I'm Back and I'm Older than Ever" February 5th, and 6th
- OPC/Crittenton Fitness Challenge is a popular program which includes assessments, meetings and free seminars.

Correspondence was received from a Rochester Hills resident, who is 47 years of age, with Fibromyalgia. She asked for dispensation to the 50+ membership policy to use the therapy pool.

MOTION by Dalton, supported by Sommers, **Resolved**, to not make an exception to the 50+ membership policy.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdell

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – no report

- **Review of the Bills for the month of November, 2014, in the amount of \$124,583.55**

MOTION by Dalton, supported by Gonser, **Resolved**, to accept the November, 2014, Bills, in the amount of \$124,583.55, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdell

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Gonser commended Ms. Cortright for a great Christmas Party for the staff and the effort in putting it together.

- Commissioner Jandeska, seconded Commissioner Gonser comment, and requested recognition for Tony Battaglia, owner of Palazzo diBocce for his services to seniors.

MOTION by Jandeska, supported by Dalton, to have a formal resolution sent to Tony Baltaglia, thanking him for providing activities for seniors.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Jandeska, Sommers, Strand, Tisdell

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Brown

- Secretary Strand remarked that the Christmas Party was delightful and everyone had a good time.

- Chairman Bikson wished a Happy New Year. He stated, he is looking forward to a productive year. He welcomed Commissioner Tisdell.

- Commissioner Tisdell stated, it was a pleasure to be nominated and appointed by the Rochester Hills City Council. He is a big fan of the organization.

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- Commissioner Sommers recognized Ms. Cortright and the OPC staff, thanking them for offering help to the Auburn Hills Senior Center.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MARYE MILLER

Ms. Cortright and Commissioner Sommers presented a plaque to Ms. Miller, which will hang in a significant place at OPC, commending her for over 41 years of service and commitment to the community. Ms. Cortright thanked her for all she has done for OPC, and presented her with an OPC Lifetime Gold Card.

Ms. Miller thanked the staff who worked so many years with her to make OPC what it is. She said, it has been a privilege and an honor to work for the seniors. It is not just something you do because it is a job, but because the people in the community need the support.

She read a saying which says how she really feels: "Goodness is essential. It has a life of its own, like a pebble dropping into the sea. Goodness sends ripples outwards to touch people in places beyond our horizons. I cannot always know what effect a person's goodness has done on the world, but I always know what an effect it has done on me. And, this is the memory I hold in my heart forever."

It has been a passion for her through the years and her family has given their all to the organization. She hopes the Board looks at serving the seniors of the community as a privilege and honor as she has, will continue to serve them, and will look at the history as why certain things were done at OPC. She said that Transportation will always hold a place in her heart, because it is where she started her career. She appreciates the Gold Card and will use it.

Ms. Cortright invited everyone to stay after adjournment for cake and coffee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bikson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015, AT 5:00 P.M.

Signed & Approved 02/05/15

LUCY STRAND, SECRETARY
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