

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION NOVEMBER 5, 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, November 5, 2015, Governing Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Bikson at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: 1) Mark Tisdell

**QUORUM PRESENT**

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

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

E.D. Cortright requested the addition of a "Closed Session," at the end of the meeting, to discuss a personnel matter. Chairman Bikson added it to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

**APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2015, MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Dalton, supported by Brown, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2015, as presented.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2016 Membership Nonresident and Resident Policy**

**MOTION** by Brown, supported by Jandeska, **Resolved**, to approve the 2016 Membership Nonresident and Resident Policy, keeping it the same as 2015, with the annual nonresident fee of \$175.00 per person 50+, or \$225.00 per married couple.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

E.D. Cortright stated there were three requests for special dispensation:

- A request was received on behalf of a 19 year old disabled student, for transportation services to and from Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills Campus.

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**MOTION** by Dalton, supported by Strand, **Resolved**, to approve transportation services, to and from Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills Campus, for one year, with a required fee of \$6.00 round trip.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

- A request was received from a 58 year old, disabled person, who is unable to drive, to be approved for transportation services within OPC's normal transportation boundaries.

**MOTION** by Dalton, supported by Gonser, **Resolved**, to approve transportation services, within OPC's normal boundaries, with a required fee of \$6.00 round trip.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

- The parents of an autistic daughter, who is under 50 years of age, request special dispensation for their daughter to use the walking track.

**MOTION** by Dalton, supported by Gonser, **Resolved**, to deny a request for special dispensation, and uphold the current 50+ membership policy, as done in the past.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- The transportation millage passed in Rochester Hills, with an 82% voter approval.
- In a meeting called by the Executive Committee, RFP's from four companies were reviewed, and those present unanimously approved IT Right as OPC's Network Administrator.
- Staff is entering member information and programs into My Senior Center.
- A splash page is currently serving as a temporary home page for the website until it is ready to go live in December.
- An annual meeting for OPC members will be organized for February, with an overview of the programs and services that OPC provides, along with a brief budget review. It is important that all Board members attend. A decision of February 4, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. for the annual meeting was made, which is immediately following the scheduled Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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- As mentioned in the last meeting, the Terrific Tuesday program is limited to just members. E.D. Cortright requested that the Board approve this program as “open to the public,” so members can bring guests for an extra fee of \$3.00.

**MOTION** by Brown, supported by Sommers, **Resolved**, to make the Terrific Tuesday program open to the public, with nonmembers charged an additional \$3.00 fee, effective January 1, 2016.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

### **MOTION CARRIED**

- Beatles, Brats, Burgers and Beer was a success, with over 150 in attendance. There were no incidences, and looking forward to doing another similar event in the future.
- Rhonda Nelson's last day as OPC's Programs and Art Department Head was October 30<sup>th</sup>. In her place, Dianne Bubnar, Enrichment Manager, and Paula Bedsole, Fine Arts and Craft Manager, are coming together to lead the department.
- E.D. Cortright has been in discussion with Mike Damone, developer of the proposed Cedarbrook Senior Facility, at the corner of Letica and Parkdale, about a special project in support of OPC and the seniors.
- Rochester Hills' Deputy Mark Hickson toured the facility to discuss security at OPC. He will report back his findings at a future meeting.
- Thank you to Sanctuary at Bellbrook for sponsoring the Pancake Breakfast on October 28, 2016.
- Upcoming OPC Events include:
  - 650 Players Fall Musical – “The World of Music & Rhythm” on Nov. 4 – 12, 2015
  - “Fairy Christmas” on Friday, Dec. 4, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
  - “Advanced Style” on Dec. 1, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Sponsored by Oakmont Senior Communities.
- Secretary Strand brought attention to a newspaper article featuring Nancy Szerlag, E.D. Cortright, and the Garden Group, for their Beautification Award, presented by the Rochester Garden Club, on October 13, 2015, for the lower level garden.

Chairman Bikson advised the Board that he was approached by four individuals who have an issue with signing the Code of Conduct. One person said that he has a concealed weapons permit, therefore, he should be able to bring his weapon into the building. After discussion, E.D. Cortright will obtain a legal opinion on the matter.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Executive Committee –**

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Chairman Bikson stated that due to a time constraint, the Committee met and approved IT Right as the Network Administrator.

**Finance Committee –**

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Dalton advised, the Committee did not meet, but the Revenue and Expense Reports are in good shape.
- **Review of the Bills for the month of September, 2015, in the amount of \$107,838.21**

**MOTION** by Gonser, supported by Jandeska, **Resolved**, to accept the September 2015, Bills, in the amount of \$107,838.21, as presented.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

- **Facility Committee –**

Vice-Chairman Gonser stated that there was discussion with PAR regarding acquiring their property, with some mutually accepted agreement. Initially, the discussion was for a parking structure, but after looking at the cost, discussion moved to surface parking. Roy Rose, from AEW Engineering, looked at the property as a favor, to give an idea of what could be done. With the present topography, he recommended two-tiered parking, and gave an estimate of 120 spaces, with a cost of \$550,000 to \$750,000. As it is hard to determine cost without a preliminary engineering study, he offered to do the study for less than \$5,000.00. Vice-Chairman Gonser recommends doing the study, so a more reasonable proposal can be taken back to PAR.

**MOTION** by Dalton, supported by Jandeska, **Resolved**, to approve a preliminary engineering study with AEW Engineering, for an east parking lot with PAR land, not to exceed \$6,000.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Brown reported that there was a strong voter turnout in Rochester Hills, with the Transportation millage overwhelmingly approved. For the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony, at Memorial Park, he will be the speaker, and Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> is the Swearing in Ceremony for new Council Members.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** by Strand, supported by Brown, **Resolved**, to adjourn to go into Closed Session at 6:02 p.m., to discuss a personnel matter, with no anticipation of return.

Chairman Bikson called for a roll call vote.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Tisdell

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 , 2015, AT 5:00 P.M.**

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LUCY STRAND, SECRETARY  
OPC GOVERNING BOARD

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