

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION FEBRUARY 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, February 5, 2015, Governing Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Bikson at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6) Stuart Bikson, Kevin Brown, Terry Gonser, William Jandeska, Lucy Strand, Mark Tisdel

Absent: 2) John (Jack) Dalton, Micheline Sommers

QUORUM PRESENT

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - none

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2015, MINUTES

MOTION by Gonser, supported by Strand, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2015, as presented.

Secretary Strand advised that at the January meeting, two Commissioners voted to approve the December minutes, when they were not present at the December meeting. She inquired whether they should have abstained. Chairman Bikson requested for future meetings, the Commissioners should abstain from approving minutes of meetings that they had not attended.

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

Nay: 0)

Abstain: 1) Brown

Absent: 2) Dalton, Sommers

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Election of Vice-Chairman

Chairman Bikson brought forward the election of a Vice-Chairman, as a conclusion was not reached at the last meeting. 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.

Discussion.

Roll call vote for Terry Gonser as Vice-Chairman.

Aye: 4) Bikson, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand

Nay: 2) Brown, Tisdel

Absent: 2) Dalton, Sommers

Vote fails due to no majority.

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Roll call vote for Kevin Brown as Vice-Chairman.

Aye: 2) Brown, Tisdel

Nay: 4) Bikson, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand

Absent: 2) Dalton, Sommers

Vote fails due to no majority.

Commissioner Brown recommended a re-vote for Terry Gonser as Vice-Chairman, so the vote for Vice-Chairman is not carried to future meetings. Chairman Bikson requested a roll call vote.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Brown, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand, Tisdel

Nay: 0)

Absent: 2) Dalton, Sommers

Vote passes for **Terry Gonser as Vice-Chairman**

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Revision Proposal

Ms. Cortright presented the proposed By-Law revisions, recommended by the Bylaw Committee which included Commissioners Gonser, Dalton, and Strand, along with Coco Siewart, Registered Parliamentarian. Ms. Cortright referred to a memo from Ms. Siewart to the Board members, stating that the revisions mirror the Interlocal Agreement. She asked for discussion and approval of the document. Secretary Strand suggested grammatical changes and dating of the document.

MOTION by Jandeska, supported by Gonser, **Resolved**, to adopt the Older Persons' Commission Bylaw proposed revisions submitted today.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Brown, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand, Tisdel

Nay: 0)

Absent: 2) Dalton, Sommers

MOTION CARRIED

Committee Appointments

Chairman Bikson appointed the committee members as follows:

Finance Committee – Commissioners Dalton, Jandeska, Tisdel

Facility Committee – Commissioners Brown, Gonser, Sommers

Personnel Committee – Commissioners Bikson, Dalton, Gonser, Strand

The Personnel Committee is comprised of the four elected officers. Chairman Bikson is ex officio of all committees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Cortright reported the following:

- OPC is working with the City to provide shuttle bus service, during their platform construction project, from February 2nd through April 30th, Monday through Saturday.
- The planning for the May 8th Signature Event, to benefit the Meals on Wheels program, is underway. The theme this year is "The Sound of Motown." Sponsorships to date are over \$65,000.00. OPC is reaching out to the community for silent auction items.

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- In 2014, OPC made an impact in the community with the following statistics:
 - Nutrition Department prepared 120,067 nutritionally balanced meals
 - Transportation Department provided 53,658 trips
 - Senior Resource Department received 2,397 calls for information, facilitated two food programs, Focus Hope for 90 clients and Commodity Foods with 129 clients, facilitated CDBG funds for 80 low income seniors for snow removal and made 381 durable medical equipment loans.
 - Program Department had 21,321 participants over various programs.
- A Staff In-service is scheduled for March 6th, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The building will close at 11:30 a.m. for the rest of the day.
- The OPC Newsletter has a fresh new look. Thank you to the clerical staff.
- A recent programming addition is “Monday Night at the Movies.” The sponsor is Boulevard Health Center.
- The 5th Annual Indoor Triathlon had a record number of 55 attendees, individual and team participants. The participants’ ages range from 12 – 80 years old.

Correspondence includes:

- A letter was received regarding the OPC Code of Conduct Policy for Members and Guests, stating, how pleased she was that the Board approved the new policy, as she has been shocked by some of the unacceptable behavior in the facility.
- A letter was received from a Fitness Challenge participant, stating, she is feeling stronger and healthier today due to the program, and wants everyone to know how much the support of the staff means to her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee –

Tim Soave gave the financial report for December 2014, reviewing the Statement of Net Position and Revenues and Expenditures. He explained that the figures are preliminary, and the final figures will not be out until early March.

- **Review of the Bills for the month of December, 2014, in the amount of \$133,509.16**

MOTION by Strand, supported by Brown, **Resolved**, to accept the December, 2014, Bills, in the amount of \$133,509.16, as presented.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Brown, Gonser, Jandeska, Strand, Tisdell

Nay: 0)

Absent: 2) Dalton, Sommers

MOTION CARRIED

- **Rochester Hills Transportation Millage Renewal Update**

Ms. Cortright brought attention to the Transportation Millage, which must be renewed

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in Rochester Hills in 2015. Along with Tim Soave, they have reviewed the numbers to determine future needs.

Commissioner Gonser asked to be excused, and exited at 5:54 p.m.

Mr. Soave presented an OPC Transportation Report, with forecasts of the revenue from the millage, and participants, as well as expenditures, bus cost, wages, number of participants, and rides through the year 2025. His review included the current .0891 mills, rolled back by Headlee, the original .09 mills, and a .01 mill increase to .1 mills. Mr. Soave stated that according to SEMCOG, there will be an increase in the older population of approximately 650 persons, through the year 2020, for the three communities, which equates to an increase in transportation services. Ms. Cortright asked for approval to draft the ballot language for Rochester Hills.
Discussion.

MOTION by Brown, supported by Tisdell, **Resolved**, to draft ballot language to target one tenth mill total levy for the transportation millage.

Commissioner Bikson requested a roll call vote.

Aye: 5) Bikson, Brown, Jandeska, Strand, Tisdell

Nay: 0)

Absent: 3) Dalton, Gonser, Sommers

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Secretary Strand asked, whether the Board is going to continue to be called the "Governing Board," or, be called the "Board of Directors." Chairman Bikson recommended leaving the name the same.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bikson adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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

Signed & Approved 03/05/15

LUCY STRAND, SECRETARY
OPC GOVERNING BOARD

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