

**SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION
MINUTES OF January 16, 2024, MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER:

Kevin Quasarano, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Commission Members:

Present: Catherine Dumke, Karen Everham, Karen McLeod, Kevin Quasarano Pamela Solomon, Janet Weber, Ronald Wehrmann, and Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone (Helm Life Center), constituting a quorum.

Absent: Donald Witt

Rita O'Farrell and Nicole Gerhart of the GPW Parks & Recreation Division, and City Council Representative Vicki Granger were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Uhlig-Johnson, seconded by McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on November 21, 2023. Said motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Friday, December 8, 2023, Holiday Social

A general discussion followed regarding this Commission's participation in the Holiday Social. There was a consensus among the Commission members that the sold-out event had been a success. Mention was made of the good food, entertainment by the North Choir, presentation by Director Kosanke on scams, and assistance by Council members in handing out prizes.

Suggestions to be considered for next year's event included name tags for Commission members indicating membership on the Senior Citizens' Commission; moving the fish bowls and prizes to the rear of the room in the area of the photo booth; and moving the head table to a different location.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

The following slate was proposed, and it was moved by Everham, seconded by Solomon, that the following slate be elected:

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| Chair: | Kevin Quasarano |
| Treasurer: | Donald Witt |
| Secretary: | Catherine Dumke |

Said motion passed unanimously.

B. Treasurer's Report.

Wehrmann, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023, which included the expenses and receipts regarding the September 13, 2023 Senior Picnic, as well as the gift cards for the Senior Holiday Social.

C. Budget Request.

Following a discussion of anticipated expenses and a review of expenditures in prior years, it was moved by Wehrman, seconded by Weber, that a budget request for \$3,500, plus an additional \$1,000 from the Commission's carry forward account (#213-000-674.320), for a total of \$4,500, be submitted to the City Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Plans for Friday, May 17, 2024, Ice Cream Social, 2:00 PM

Suggestions to be considered for this year's event included source for ice cream provider (Solomon will explore quotes and manner of service from Wally's, Treat Dreams, and Ashby Sterling), entertainment (Granger will contact Kathy Ryan regarding her availability and fee); presentation by Public Safety Director Kosanke; voluntary cash donation site for attendees; present availability of information regarding the City's Master Plan; and direct the attendees' attention to the possibility of The Helm's millage proposal being on the August ballot.

Motion by Wehrmann, seconded by Weber, that the Commission allocate \$1,300 for the ice cream, toppings, prizes, entertainment, and other expenses for the Ice Cream Social. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Solomon, seconded by Uhlig-Johnson, to recommend to the Mayor the immediate certification of the previous motion for a budget request totaling \$4,500 be submitted to the City Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Said motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by McLeod, seconded by Weber, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 4:00 PM, at Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center -Community Center – Lake Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary