

SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION
MINUTES OF September 13, 2023 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

Kevin Quasarano, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Commission Members:

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

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dumke, seconded by Everham, to approve the Agenda for the September 13, 2023, meeting. Said motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Uhlig-Johnstone, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on July 18, 2023. Said motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

It was the consensus of those present that the Senior Picnic was a success. Comments and suggestions included: holding the picnic on a week day was a good idea; holding it indoors, with outdoor space available, too, was also a good idea. The plentiful food from National Coney, as well as the ice cream from Wally's, were well received.

Suggestions for next year (the picnic to take place on Wednesday, September 18, 2024): start bingo at 11:15, rather than 11:00, and start lunch at 12:00 PM. Set Commission meeting to follow event for 1:00 PM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Friday, December 8, 2023 Holiday Social

A general discussion followed regarding this Commission's participation in the Holiday Social, resulting in the following motions.

Motion by McLeod, seconded by Everham, that a request funds in the amount of \$300 be submitted to City Council to cover expenses towards desserts for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Weber, seconded by Solomon, that a request for funds in the amount of \$50 be submitted to City Council to cover the expense of the purchase of five \$10 Kroger gift cards as prizes for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The date for the Ice Cream Social for 2024 is Friday, May 17th. In light of the number of “no shows” at this year’s event, the idea of charging a fee at registration (perhaps \$5 for residents) for this event was again discussed. It was also suggested the Commission meeting following this event be set at an earlier time (perhaps 3:00 PM).

2. The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 4:00 PM, at Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center -Community Center – Lake Room.

3. No members of the public were in attendance.

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Solomon, seconded by Uhlig-Johnstone, to recommend to the Mayor the immediate certification of the previous motions for requests for funds of \$300 towards the expense of desserts at the Holiday Social, and \$50 for the purchase of five \$10 Kroger gift cards as prizes for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Weber, seconded by Witt, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary