

Regular Meeting  
Active Adult Center Advisory Board  
September 20, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Madison Heights Active Adult Center Advisory Board was called to order by Coordinator Cowan, September 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Active Adult Center Municipal Building at 29448 John R Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Present: Bessler, Dalling, Leuffgen, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Quigley, and Topping.  
Also Present: Center Coordinator Cowan, DPS Director Almas, DPS Supervisor Ballantine and Councilor Wright.  
Absent: Councilman Fleming.

An invocation was led by Ms. Cowan.

**19-01. Minutes.**

Motion by Ms. Patton seconded by Ms. Dalling to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2022 as printed.

Yeas: Bessler, Dalling, Leuffgen, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Quigley, and Topping.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**19-02. Meeting Open to the Public.**

Past Chair Mowry reported on the August program held by Oakland County Parks to ask for input on what to do with the space where the Red Oaks Golf Course is currently.

**19-03. Staff Report.**

Ms. Cowan reported on programs currently happening at the Center, and Center closings.

**19-04. Maintenance Requests**

Front Door ADA Button- a contractor has been called.

**19-05. Budget Requests**

None.

**19-06. Unfinished Business.**

Ms. Cowan reported that volunteer Ray Chammas is continuing Thursday meals in September, and the AAC will continue on a month to month basis depending on interest.

Ms. Cowan asked advisory board members if they could help sell swag items at upcoming events.

Mr. Almas reported that the advisory board members will again be voting on the holiday lights this December. He asked board members to think about if they would like to drive around and look at the lights or see a slideshow prior to lunch. We will discuss at the next board meeting.

Mr. Almas reported that the Civic Plaza Project is on track, there was a ground breaking ceremony the other day, and that staff is continuing to make decisions on items to be included or not included in the build.

**19-07. New Business.**

Ms. Cowan reported that Oakland Meals on Wheels rejected the bid by Area Agency on Aging on funding for the mobile meal program. Oakland Meals on Wheels is disbanding and a new meal provider will be chosen by Area Agency on Aging. Ms. Cowan stated that she will update the board at the next meeting.

Ms. Cowan stated that the Oakland County Transportation Millage on the November ballot will replace the SMART millage which funds three wheelchair equipped vehicles and monies that cover our transportation program.

Ms. Cowan reported that staff is planning a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thanksgiving day, for seniors who would normally be alone on the holiday. The AAC is asking for donations from area stores, so the event can be made free to participants.

Ms. Cowan welcomed returning Board members Suzie Patton and Mike Salley, and thanked outgoing Board member Delores Mowry.

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Ms. Cowan stated we need to vote on officers for the new board. Both Mr. Salley and Ms. Patton stated they would like to be considered for chair. Mr. Salley received a higher amount of votes. Ms. Patton stated she would be willing to run for Co-Chair, and there were no other candidates. Ms. Bessler stated she would be willing to run for Secretary, and there were no other candidates.

Motion by Ms. Dalling seconded by Ms. Smith to appoint Mr. Salley as Chair, Ms. Patton as Co-Chair and Ms. Bessler as Secretary for the upcoming year.

Yeas: Bessler, Dalling, Leuffgen, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Quigley, and Topping.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**19-08. Treasurer’s Report.**

Treasurer’s reports from June, July and August 2022 were presented for approval.

Motion by Ms. Bessler seconded by Ms. Dalling to approve the reports as printed.

Yeas: Bessler, Dalling, Leuffgen, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Quigley, and Topping.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**19-09. Council & Administration Updates.**

Councilor Wright reiterated that there was a ground breaking ceremony the other day for the Civic Plaza Project. Work is also being done on the south Fire Station.

Councilor Wright stated that any concerns regarding the Red Oaks Golf Course can be directed to the Oakland County Parks Board.

Ms. Cowan stated that Councilman Fleming had called her to say he would not be able to make it to today’s meeting; however he asked if she could announce a few things for him:

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- Please check with the City Clerk prior to the election to see if your voting precinct has changed.
- There will be a shredding event at the Red Oaks Water Park soon, and you can check with the park on the date.
- Both 12 Mile and 13 Mile will reopen around October 10.

Mr. Almas reported on I-75 and other road construction.

Mr. Almas stated that Consumers Energy would be putting in a new gas main on 14 Mile around October 17, and the eastbound road could be closed for up to two months.

Mr. Almas reported that Macomb County Road Commission is working on Dequindre to do a pavement preservation project to extend the road's life.

Mr. Almas stated low water pressure from the water main break a couple weeks ago will continue until around October 10.

Mr. Almas reported that DPS has finished installing a disc golf course at Rosie's Park.

**19-10. Adjournment.**

Motion by Ms. Patton seconded by Ms. Leuffgen to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Yeas: Bessler, Dalling, Leuffgen, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Quigley, and Topping.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

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Jennifer Cowan  
Active Adult Coordinator