

Regular Meeting
Active Adult Center Advisory Board
May 21, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Madison Heights Active Adult Center Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Salley, May 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall Municipal Building at 300 W. 13 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Present: Bessler, Juska-Svoba, Mowry, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Topping and Quigley.
Also Present: Center Supervisor Cowan
Absent: DPS Director Ballantine, Councilor Wright.

19-01. Minutes.

Motion by Ms. Juska-Svoba seconded by Ms. Ratliff to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2024.

Yeas: Bessler, Juska-Svoba, Mowry, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Topping and Quigley.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

19-02. Meeting Open to the Public.

Former Councilwoman Scott reported the Heritage Rooms will be open the first and third Tuesday from 3-7 pm, and is available by appointment.

Ms. Kehoe stated she is praying for good weather and a good turnout for the Memorial Parade on Saturday.

19-03. Staff Report.

Ms. Cowan updated the Board on programs currently happening and upcoming at the Center, including trips and closures, some evening open hours, and a Community Concert coming up in June.

19-04. Maintenance Requests

None. The City is still working with the contractor on punch list items.

19-05. Budget Requests

Ms. Cowan reported the City's 2024-25 fiscal year budget has been approved by City Council.

19-06. Unfinished Business.

Ms. Cowan stated that she moved \$100 from the AAC escrow account to the Animal Shelter account, as the Board requested and voted on last month. She asked if Board members would like to donate \$100 again this month. There

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was discussion and Board members agreed they would like to donate \$100 to Madison Family Planning on John R and Lincoln.

Motion by Ms. Mowry seconded by Ms. Patton to approve donating \$100 to the Madison Family Planning.

Yeas: Bessler, Juska-Svoba, Mowry, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith, Topping and Quigley.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Ms. Cowan stated City staff chose to go with new recreation software (CivicPlus) that the AAC, the Library and the Recreation Department can all use. Grant monies the AAC had from the Cares Act will cover most of the cost of the three year contract. Once staff is trained and the software goes live (most likely in late summer or early fall) patrons will be able to sign up for one account that can be used for all three departments. Ms. Cowan also stated there will not be a kiosk, but that patrons will eventually be able to sign up online and pay with a credit card. There will be a fee for using a credit card.

Ms. Cowan reported the congregate meal program is going well. Our counts have been a little low, so she is hoping that will pick up.

19-07. New Business.

Ms. Cowan stated that advisory board nominations are currently taking place and will continue through the end of May. Election will be June 6 & 7. Ms. Juska-Svoba and Ms. Ratliff are up for re-election and Ms. Bessler is up for re-appointment if she chooses. Ms. Bessler stated she would like to be reappointed and will fill out the form for the City Clerk.

Ms. Cowan shared the Summer Beautification drive around and lunch will be on Tuesday, July 16 and members should me at the AAC by 9:30 am.

Ms. Cowan thanked Oakland County Parks, Wild Birds Unlimited and Park Naturalist Benjamin Prowse from Red Oaks Nature Center for working to get two birds feeders and all the supplies donated to the City- one for the Library and one for the AAC. Several Board members commented on how much they are enjoying watching the birds through the windows while they are in the dining room.

Ms. Cowan read part of an email from a senior citizen who requested the AAC host a lunch and learn with a local doctor who specializes in marijuana use for anxiety, sleep and pain. Ms. Cowan stated she normally doesn't get Board approval or input for planning programming, but wanted to ask Board members how they felt about this. Most Board members commented and all that did

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agreed they would like to know more about this. Ms. Cowan stated she will work on it and is hoping to have the event in October or sometime in the fall.

Ms. Patton spoke about the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council, which she is part of, and their recent meeting. She stated they had a nurse out to talk about stroke awareness and suggested she would be great to have at the AAC. She also stated that there are three expos coming up in August, September and October. Ms. Cowan stated if a flyer becomes available the AAC could advertise them.

19-08. Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Ms. Patton seconded by Ms. Juska-Svoba to approve the March Treasurer's report.

Yeas: Bessler, Juska-Svoba, Mowry, Patton, Ratliff, Salley, Smith,
Topping and Quigley.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

19-09. Council & Administration Updates.

None.

19-10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Jennifer Cowan
Active Adult Supervisor