

CITY OF ROCKVILLE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER
1150 CARNATION DRIVE

October 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Herbster, Chair; Lynn Wagman, Commissioner; Krishna Kumar, Commissioner; Jack Sprague, Commissioner; Norma Brailsford; Commissioner; Mike Laux, Commissioner

Absent: Alicia Seymour, Commissioner

Staff: Fran Jablonski; Martha McClelland

Chair Anne Herbster opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. with introductions and what they do. She started with the new member, Mike Laux. Next, she asked everyone to review the September minutes. **Commissioner Krishna Kumar** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business: **Status of the City ADA project** no new news, other than they will be making the side entrance more accessible.

New Business: **The Commission and Staff** discussed the upcoming Candidate Forum and decided on a tentative agenda and ideas for questions. The time for each question will be two minutes and there will be about 15 questions. After the questions and answer period the candidates can mingle and talk to citizens and staff and go on a tour if they desire. **Andrea Rogers** will design 3 baskets with 5 questions each in them. **Commissioner Krishna Kumar** will ask RSI if they have any questions or input. **Chair Anne Herbster** will get the questions together and send to members.

Chair Anne Herbster would like to have the annual report done in November.

Staff Reports: **Martha McClelland** reported that she and **Andrea Rogers** had a successful presentation at Town Center apartments. **Andrea Rogers** added Wellness and Independence for Seniors at Home (WISH) attended and presented as well and enrolled several residents as new members. Once a senior is a member, WISH will be notified if they are hospitalized and help to facilitate their transition once the member returns home. WISH holds office hours once a month in local Senior Apartment Buildings. **Martha McClelland** and **Andrea Rogers** visit the buildings as needed for home visits. **Trish Evans** said that their services are only broad enough. **Andrea Rogers** registered one person to vote. **Alexis D'Angelo** reported that the Hispanic Festival will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019, with entertainment and food. It will be held in the Carnation Room from 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. The fee is \$15.00. They can receive assistance from the Program Assistance Fund. The League of Women voters will be holding a candidate's forum at the Senior Center on September 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and it will be televised. Smore's and Wine will be on October 1, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Active Aging Walk will be held at Brookside Gardens on October 2, 2019, with free events that the State and County puts on. Sip and Salsa will be held on October 2, 2019. Oktoberfest is on October 4, 2019, admission is free, cost of beer and food extra. **Martha McClelland** said on Wednesdays starting in October from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. there will be Staff Chat in the lunchroom. It is a time for people to talk to staff and ask questions. Candidates forum focusing on seniors will be held on October 10, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Open enrollment is coming up. SHIP for Spanish speakers will be coming out on September 24, 2019 and the English version will be later. Holiday Drive is coming up in November and December. **Andrea Rogers** said that the City is a collection point. Community Reach (formerly CMR) and the City act as distribution sites. Eligible residents of Montgomery County, individuals or families, must be referred for the Holiday Giving program by a social service agency, i.e. Senior Support Services at the Senior Center, Community Reach, or MCPS Guidance Counselors. Community Services along with volunteers put the baskets together and deliver them. **Tish Evans** will see where the need is in the Villages. St. Elizabeth's and several private schools, Landon and McLean have contributed to the Holiday Drive. People in the community or departments in the City can adopt a family to help. King Farm Neighbor Village announced their launch on October 1, 2019. They plan on providing services to their members starting with providing rides for doctors' visits, church, etc. as well as making home visits. Twinbrook is moving forward. They had a successful pot luck. They are an affiliate of Rockville Villages Exchange. Twinbrook will have their first televised forum. It is a non-partisan event on October 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. They are planning on a quarterly forum to get different villages together.

Committee Reports: Nothing to report.

Liaison Reports: **Rockville Seniors, Inc., Pete Sante Fund, United Seniors of Maryland (USM) Forum**, nothing to report

Commissioner Krishna Kumar made a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** seconded it. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next meeting: October 17, 2019, 10 a.m.