

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

June 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Anne Herbster, Chair; Lynn Wagman, Commissioner; Alicia Seymour; Commissioner; Norma Brailsford; Commissioner.

**Staff:** Alexis D'Angelo; Trish Evans; Fran Jablonski.

**Absent:** Krishna Kumar, Commissioner and Jack Sprague, Commissioner

**Chair Anne Herbster** opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. by reading the May minutes. She requested the discussion on parking, communication and expansion be added to the May minutes. After some continued discussion about parking, communication and expansion among members and staff, **Chair Anne Herbster** made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** so moved, and all were in favor

**Old Business:** **Chair Anne Herbster** requested that the minutes and agenda are added to the web page 1-2 weeks before a meeting and provide to members 1-2 weeks before a meeting as well.

**New Business:** **Chair Anne Herbster** suggested someone should attend upcoming meetings on Strategic Plan, Pedestrian Safety, and the closing of RedGate and report back to the Commission. **Commissioner Norma Brailsford** said she is interested in attending the meeting on Pedestrian Safety. **Commissioner Alicia Seymour** is willing to go to any of the meetings and said we should find out the dates the groups will be meeting and see if anyone on the Commission should attend. **Chair Anne Herbster** said we should put a list together of what is coming up for each of these groups and see who would like to attend. She also said the Commission has \$300 left in their budget to spend by July 1. After some discussion about what to use the money for a motion was made by **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** to use it to purchase 2 mobile white boards for the center. All were in favor. **Chair Anne Herbster** said that at the meeting in July the Commission will discuss and decide what to use the next year budget for and decide what the focus will be for the next 12 months as well. No more than 3 items as the priority. It was decided to not meet in August. **Commissioner Alicia Seymour** said new members appointed to a commission do need to take an online test. She will report back to the Commission after she takes it. She is also willing to help other appointees take it in the Computer Room if possible.

**Staff Reports:** **Trish Evans** reported on Villages. She said that all events are listed in the monthly newsletter. She will be meeting with Hungerford to try and get them thinking "Villages". East Rockville had a cookout, with a fair turnout. Twinbrook is planning a social event for August. West End is making movement. King Farm will launch in September. She continued to report that **Martha McClelland** attended the National Council of Aging Conference held in DC and **Jerry Jones** is working with the City's Fire Marshall on installing carbon monoxide detectors for eligible residents. She also reported that she is working on recruits for Villages in East Rockville and Twinbrook. She has 6 people lined up. **Alexis D'Angelo** reported on the National Council on Aging's visit. She said 45 attended and took a tour of the center. **Terri Hilton** put an awesome program together. There was a question and answer segment. The visitors were impressed with the staff, programs and trips. They put a shout out on Facebook about the Center at the Conference in DC. **Alexis D'Angelo** went on to report that 120 people attended International Day and there were 5 performances. She said that the renovation was officially completed as of July 1. She reported that the Farmers Market coupon program will be held on July 9 at 10:00 AM at the Rockville Senior Center. Five other centers throughout the area will be participating. It is a Maryland state program. Numbers are distributed and the ones that are selected receive \$30 in Coupons. The Farmers Market is held in downtown Rockville on Saturday mornings. **Alexis D'Angelo** and **Trish Evans** reported that Hometown Holidays was well attended, and the parade was well managed. A Senior Center bus was decorated and driven and due to liability concerns, no one walked with it.

**Committee Reports:** **Chair Anne Herbster** reported on the Boards and Commission Task Force. She finished the interviews of staff and chairs of Commissions and did an evaluation of each one based on relevance, transparencies, diversity, strengths and weaknesses. She said the Senior Commission is mixed. She said some Commissions haven't met on a monthly basis. The Task Force is making recommendations on how people get on a Board or Commission. Currently some are appointed without their knowledge, some appointments have expired and continue until their appointment is filled. There are a lot of openings and lack of communication. The Mayor and Council appoint someone to a Commission. The Task Force is looking at volunteerism and definitions. She also reported that another group has formed to discuss pedestrian safety in Rockville.

**Liaison Reports:** **Rockville Seniors, Inc.:** **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** reported on upcoming events. July 20 will be Super Bingo and food at 1:00, October 18 there will be a dinner dance with a DJ. RSI grossed \$510 in the Gift Shop, \$664 in the Thrift Shop, \$180 for Birthday Parties. She said the next investment for RSI will be white card tables for the center. Future investments will be new side ramp, signage out side door and new greenhouse. RSI has one opening. No meeting in July.

**Pete Sante Fund:** **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** nothing to report.

**United Seniors of Maryland (USM) Forum:** nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**Next meeting:** July 18, 2019, 10 a.m.