

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

July 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Herbster, Chair; Lynn Wagman, Commissioner; Krishna Kumar, Commissioner; Alicia Seymour; Commissioner; Norma Brailsford; Commissioner; Jack Sprague, Commissioner.

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

Chair Anne Herbster opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. by asking everyone to review the June 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: **Chair Anne Herbster** requested that the minutes and agenda are emailed to members 1-2 weeks prior to a meeting.

New Business: Goals and Plans to Develop Annual Report to Mayor and Council
Candidate Questions for Senior Forum
Recruitment
Volunteerism

Staff Reports: **Andrea Rogers** reported that she is staying busy while Martha is away. She said she was continuing research for Renters Tax Credit. It is income based and not just 60+. There are different eligibilities for different categories. She has received several inquiries about additional senior affordable housing. Town Center, 90 Monroe Street, is under new management. It is a HOC, Section 8 building. It is managed by a third-party management company. The new management of Town Center were proactive and called Andrea to warn her the AC would be down and she provided them with the list of activities the Center would be offering during that time frame. **Alexis D'Angelo** reported that the Farmers Market lottery will take place on July 9. There will be 180-200 coupons distributed. Senior Center produce sale is starting. Orders must be placed before 2:00 on Fridays and delivery will be on Monday mornings. This program will run through October. **Trish Evans** reported on Villages. She said Twinbrook has obtained 501C3 non-profit status. They have a template, amazing core of people and a logo. They will be hosting a picnic/pot luck event on Sunday, August 25, 2019, from 3:00 to 5:00 Kids are welcome. King Farm is moving forward. Volunteers plan to visit people 60+ and plan to provide transportation to activities, social gatherings, etc. Both groups moving quickly. Hungerford is a very diverse, well established community. They are deciding which way they want to go, either 501C3 or 501C4. They seem excited about moving toward Villages and their by-laws seem to reflect that. Pump House-East End had a great meeting about the direction they want to go and working on broadening. They are working on strategies to make connections on the other side of Park Road and Crabb Avenue, etc. Lincoln Park does not have a Village yet. The Recreation and Parks Department has been very helpful about letting the different Villages use their various facilities for meetings and have been very supportive. **Trish Evans** is working very closely with the Council of Aging. One advantage Rockville has is the County support. The County has a bigger budget for start up Villages. There are 23 operational Villages in the County. She said she is doing research on Villages of Chicago. The entire city has different sections and will find out more. She said she will send the Villages newsletter to all and Sylvia England created the logo.

Alexis D'Angelo reported that there will be digital signage installed at each entrance that will list the daily schedule and upcoming events. She said the Senior Day at the Montgomery County Fair is on August 13. She said she will be looking into a van service in addition to our Call 'N Ride program. Looking into fund raising opportunities to bring in more money for our Program Assistance Fund. Planning on a holding a Senior Forum to introduce the candidates. Three community groups will be having televised debates. **Chair Anne Herbster** asked the Commission to come up with questions for the candidates to discuss at the next meeting. **Alexis D'Angelo** will investigate voting information for seniors.

Committee Reports: **Chair Anne Herbster** reported on the Boards and Commission Task Force. The Task Force is recommending changes to the whole process for new Commissioners. There are 22 openings across all Boards. You can choose to leave before three years. If you choose to stay on after your term is expired, you can until your position is filled. The Task Force's goal is to complete the processes and report before first week in September. The City may hire a staff person to manage the Task Force and the Boards and Commissions. She received a ruling from the City Attorney regarding whether a person that has been appointed to a Board or Commission must take a test to serve and the answer was yes. **Chair Anne Herbster** said at the next meeting the Commission needs to take time to plan items to discuss and focus on for the next year. Two to three items such as communication, space and expansion and how we want to utilize the funds. We need to talk about preparing and presenting the Mayor and Council with an annual report. **Commissioner Norma Brailsford** will serve on the Pedestrian Safety group. Someone from the Commission needs to attend the redevelopment meeting for Redgate. **Commissioner Alicia Seymour** agreed to go to meetings regarding the planned use of the land and speak about the need for senior housing. **Alexis D'Angelo** said we can get a report from RSI meetings from either **Terri Hilton of Sheryl Roff**. The meetings are the third Tuesday of the month. **Commission Krishna Kumar** volunteered to be the representative and **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** said she would get him up to speed.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Next meeting: September 19, 2019, 10 a.m.