

## **Commission On Aging**

**February 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

**155 E. Lewis St, Platteville**

Present: Ray Banfi, Joyce Bos, Bill Cramer, Jill Goffinet, Josephine Kischer, Kathy Kopp, Larry McReynolds, Jon Meidinger

Absent: Debara Browning, Ally Shanahan

- I. Meeting is called to order by Bill Cramer at 9:32 a.m.
- II. Motion to approve Minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup> by Ray, second Bill, all in favor, Minutes approved.
- III. Reports:  
Jon Meidinger  
The Van: We had a bid from a company in Michigan; they don't have a Van, but would order it when possible. Jon will meet with Adam Ruechel and Bob Lowe to discuss this bid. Kathy suggests that the City not accept this bid and then come back to a dealer in Platteville. We are trying to get a 10 passenger Van, or 8 passengers and a wheelchair. We will probably not have a new Van this year. Bob Lowe is the new Director of Parks and Rec and Adam Bartels is the new Parks Coordinator.  
Bill questions what happen to "Commission on Aging and Disabilities". It will have to go back to Council with clarification on "disabilities".  
Jon says Ally has contacted Laura's College's Angie Donovan to prepare a plan to re-brand from "Senior" to something more attractive to those who don't want to be thought of as Seniors.  
Jill: Representatives from the "Inclusive Playground" will be coming to the Center on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. Jim Winter, "The Driftless Digger", will be at the Center on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Kathy Kopp – Council

The City applied for a \$7 Mill Grant for the new Fire Station and they hope to hear by the end of the month. Kathy reports that the Senior Center is always an important aspect when the Council discusses the new arrangements for the Fire Station. Kathy suggests that the Senior Center include information in the Chamber of Commerce “Welcome” packets for new families. She also suggests to let the Chamber know of upcoming events to announce in “News in a Nutshell”. She also says to inform her of upcoming events so she can announce it at City Council. The question from the Council about “Disabilities” is what our services to the disabled would be.

The “Inclusive Playground” is fully funded; although the stone shelter does need to get a handicap accessible bathroom.

Kathy reminds us to get on the Council agenda with a short presentation of the Center’s activities to inform the members what services the Center provides for our Seniors. This could be after the approval of the name change.

IV. New Business:

The Commission members thank Kathy Kopp: “We have never had better representation at the Council or better feedback.” Thank you Kathy for being our liaison to the Council!

V. Next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

VI. Motion to adjourn by Bill, second Josephine, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by Josephine Kischer, Secretary