

Commission On Aging

May 18, 2022

155 W. Lewis St., Platteville

Present: Ray Banfi, Joyce Bos, Debara Browning, Jill Goffinet, Josephine Kischer, Larry McReynolds, Jon Meidinger, Ally Shanahan, Fallon Zimmerman

Absent: Kathy Kopp

Guests Adam Ruechel, City Manager and Bob Lowe, new Parks and Rec Director

- I. Meeting is called to order by Debara Browning at 9:31 a.m.
- II. Motion by Joyce to approve Minutes of April 20th, second Ally, all in favor, Minutes are approved.
- III. Adam Ruechel and Bob Lowe are introduced. Adam reports that Council approved RFP for the Fire Station. Ten firms submitted, two are being considered. The desire is to have a Fire Station and Community Space. They would like to keep us in the current space as long as possible. 2023 or 2024 may be the start of construction. Maybe council chambers could temporarily suffice, Library's community services room, the Platteville Incubator are possibilities. The public will have opportunities to listen in on some of the conversations with the architects during the planning stages. Bob says safety is foremost, so even if it's temporary, we would probably have to move for a short time during construction. There will not be a gym, but hopefully a multi-purpose area. Adam says the city has a responsibility to provide services to all residents. The consideration by the Council will be whether or not the residents are willing to pay with their tax money.
Bob says it would be easier to present our wishes and needs to the council if we had members from the Senior Center back up our requests for services from the city.

Jon asks if we should try to find alternate locations for ourselves and present them to the city for council discussion. Adam thinks that if it is a reasonable cost, the council would have an easier time to go along with it. Bob reminds us that the Commission members and participating Seniors need to be heard by the council. Adam says we need to give Kathy Kopp the necessary information and requests to represent us at the council meetings and reinforce that with participation from the Commission on Aging.

IV. Reports: PASS – Ally

Last Saturday's Brat sale brought in \$932. Ray will give a report to Thrivent, as they sponsored the event with one of their credit cards. We will be selling both Hot Dogs and Brats for \$3 on 2nd Street. To Debara's Question: Ray bought the new grill. Ally suggests that we only do Graduation and Homecoming on 2nd Street; Homecoming will be on October 15th this year.

Next sales at Heiser are June 18th and August 27th. "Christmas in August" will be Aug. 28th. Fallon has agreed to help with that.

Senior Center: Debara has contacted the Principal at PHS who assigned 2 students, Lexi and Jenna, to make videos which we can use for presentations to the council. There may be a chance that we can have them work on a Facebook presence for us. Fallon says she has contacts with the UW radio station and they will run ads for our events. Joyce can put information on the Tourism Board website. Ally thinks we should put ads into the Shopping News and Fallon suggests The Dodgeville Chronicle.

Jill: Bingo today, Lou Oswald tomorrow, the Library Outreach Lecture on May 26th, lunch will be served. Jon says the Library has many resources which we should access and collaborate with the Library. We also need to use the marquees at the banks.

- V. Change of meeting times:
PASS – 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
COA - 3rd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

- VI. Next meeting is on June 15th at 4:00 p.m.

- VII. Motion to adjourn by Ally, second Josephine, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 11:10 a.m.

Josephine Kischer
Secretary