

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
September 21, 2021
12:02 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission was held Tuesday, September 21, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

ROLL CALL

There were present appearing telephonically and in person:

Marleyne Hunter	Barbara Sevier (arrived late)
Goldie Southwood	Michele Rosser
Karen Wood, Vice-Chairperson	Denise Daniello, Chairperson

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk
Steve Taylor, Parks and Recreation Superintendent
Donnie Hayes, Parks and Recreation Director
Darlene Supplee, Executive Director of the Fairbanks Senior Center

MESSAGES

1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

1.b. Citizen's Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

Carol Davila, Foundation Health Partners, introduced herself to the commission. Ms. Davila also stated she was working on the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Rosser asked what the Senior Care Plan is. Ms. Davila explained it as a plan that focuses on senior care in the best and least restrictive way.

Chair Daniello stated she was a member of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) working group and explained that it helped to advance the interests of the senior population. Chair Daniello also suggested that someone from the CHIP come and speak to the commission.

MESSAGES - continued

Commissioner Southwood asked what CHIP stood for and Chair Daniello answered that it stood for Community Health Improvement Project. Ms. Davila further clarified it stood for Community Health Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Southwood discussed the 7th Annual Disability and Aging Summit on October 5, 2021 through October 7, 2021. Chair Daniello asked if Ms. Southwood would participate and report back to the commission.

Commissioner Rosser asked if a community member could attend the CHIP meetings. Ms. Davila said she would look into it and then get back to Ms. Rosser.

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

WOOD, moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as read.
Seconded by ROSSER

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses: Southwood, Wood, Hunter, Rosser, Daniello

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 0 Noes

Clerk's Note: Ms. Barbara Sevier's arrival was not noted by the clerk until after this vote was cast.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

REPORTS

1. Steve Taylor, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Steve Taylor, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, stated that the Parks and Recreation Department will be attending the Senior Center drive-thru event on Saturday, September 25, 2021, and will be handing out blankets and flyers.

Chair Daniello asked that the flyer be put on the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission website.

Mr. Taylor said that a new commissioner should be appointed by the next meeting. He also introduced the new Parks and Recreation Director Donnie Hayes. Mr. Hayes gave a short thank you.

2. Update on the Powers of a Second-Class Borough and how they relate to the responsibilities of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission by Steve Taylor, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Mr. Taylor explained the authorizing language within code for the commission citing specific code as needed. He also explained how it could be related to the powers the Borough possesses. He stated it would further be limited by funding, but it was possible to ask that the Mayor's Office consider a funding request for a specific survey or action the commission wished to take.

Chair Daniello asked about the timeline of such a request. Mr. Taylor elaborated on the timing of the requests according to the budget and yearly calendar.

Chair Daniello asked that someone in the Parks and Recreation Department or Borough Clerk's Office help to draft the memo.

Darlene Supplee was granted permission to speak and asked about the Borough matching grants.

Chair Daniello asked how the process might work. Mr. Taylor stated it would depend on the circumstance and provided an explanation.

Chair Daniello asked how much money was coming from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Mr. Taylor stated he thought it was up to 18 million to be paid in two installments. Mr. Taylor stated that the Borough was considering a fairly full allocation of the funds.

Chair Daniello queried whether it was too late for the commission to weigh in on the allocation of funds.

REPORTS - continued

Commissioner Rosser asked if commissioners could go ask questions of citizens within the community. Mr. Taylor said that he didn't see why they wouldn't be able to as long as no one is violating the Open Meetings Act.

3. Review of 2019 FNSB Senior Needs Assessment by Darlene Supplee

Darlene Supplee, Executive Director of the Fairbanks Senior Center, provided a report on the 2019 Fairbanks North Star Borough Senior Needs Assessment.

Chair Daniello emphasized the importance of the assessment and stated it would help the commission to better address senior needs via recommendations to the Mayor's Office.

Commissioner Hunter asked what the ages discussed in the report were and Ms. Supplee answered that the majority of the report was based on those sixty and up.

Commissioner Rosser stated that the need for transportation was widespread.

Commissioner Hunter asked about services available to those who are 55 and above. Ms. Supplee provided a list of resources which might be able to help those people.

Commissioner Rosser queried about the Senior Assessment Committee and Ms. Supplee stated she wasn't certain what the status of it is at this time. Ms. Rosser asked if there would be value in a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission acting as a member of that Committee. Ms. Supplee thought there was.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Possible recommendation to the Borough Mayor to appoint an ex officio member from the Fairbanks North Star Borough Transportation Department to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.

Mr. Taylor said that he felt it would be beneficial to the commission if a member of the Transportation Department was appointed as an ex officio member.

Commissioner Rosser was very much in approval of this idea as it would provide a direct link to the Transportation Department.

Commissioner Southwood asked for the definition of an ex officio member and Clerk Fackeldey answered it was a non-voting member.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

ROSSER,
Seconded by SOUTHWOOD

moved to recommend someone from Transportation be appointed to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission as an ex officio member.

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE FROM TRANSPORTATION BE APPOINTED TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER.

Yeses: Sevier, Southwood, Rosser, Hunter, Wood, Daniello

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 0 Noes

2. Discussion of Draft Senior Citizen Transportation Survey

Chair Daniello introduced the Draft Senior Citizen Transportation Survey and thanked Ms. Rosser for her contributions.

Chair Daniello asked that the survey agenda item be carried onto the next meeting.

Commissioner Southwood asked if the survey could be condensed and added to local senior centers' newsletters. Chair Daniello stated she thought that would be a good idea.

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

NONE

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Rosser thanked Chair Daniello for her hard work on the Transportation Survey and gave a report on her recruitment efforts for the commission. She also informed the commission of the Wall Busters Advocacy Group as another potential contact for transportation networking.

Commissioner Southwood stated that she went to the OSHA Lifelong Learning meeting and recruited for the commission there.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS - continued

Commissioner Rosser stated she would try to attend the next Assembly meeting. Chair Daniello asked Ms. Rosser to give a report of the Assembly meeting at the next Senior Citizens Advisory Commission meeting.

Vice-Chair Wood stated she was very happy to see the level of enthusiasm that is now on the commission.

Chair Daniello asked the clerk if it would be appropriate for someone from the CHIP group to present on senior infrastructure issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.