

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
October 21, 2021
12:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission was held Thursday, October 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	Carol Davila
Darlene Supplee	Michele Rosser
Goldie Southwood	Karen Wood, Vice-Chair
Denise Daniello, Chair	

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk
Steve Taylor, Parks and Recreation Superintendent
Kari Burrell, Foundation Health Internal and External Affairs Senior Director

Excused

Barbara Sevier

Absent

Janice Whitton

Chair Daniello introduced the new commission members, Carol Davila, Darlene Supplee, and Janice Whitton

Commissioner Supplee introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Fairbanks Senior Center.

Commissioner Davila introduced herself as working with Foundation Health Partners.

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.

NONE

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

ROSSER,
Seconded by HUNTER

moved to approve the agenda and consent
agenda as read.

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

Yeses: Southwood, Wood, Hunter, Rosser, Davila,
Supplee, Daniello

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2021.

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

REPORTS

1. Report from Steve Taylor, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Steve Taylor, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding by reading from the approved Ordinance 2021-20-1D and discussing the actions of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. Mr. Taylor also provided an outline of the Capital Improvement Program and when it will be coming in front of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. Mr. Taylor suggested that the commissioners look at the proposed list and potentially recommend to the Mayor and the Assembly any projects which help fulfill their mission. Mr. Taylor stated that his last

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day employed with the Fairbanks North Star Borough will be November 3, 2021. Mr. Taylor praised the commission and expressed hope for the future. Mr. Taylor also welcomed the new commissioners.

Chair Daniello thanked Mr. Taylor for his efforts and contributions. Chair Daniello asked who would be replacing Mr. Taylor at the next meeting. Mr. Taylor stated Michelle Leonard would be acting superintendent and would act in his stead at the commission meeting.

Mr. Taylor outlined the Fairbanks North Star Borough's recruitment process.

Chair Daniello asked whether there was any progress on the appointment of a transportation representative which the commission recommended at the last meeting. Mr. Taylor stated he has not heard any response from the Administration.

Commissioner Rosser asked if there was anyone at the Transportation Department who could be contacted if the commission had questions. Mr. Taylor stated that Dey Johnson, Transportation Manager, would be a good person to contact for specific questions.

Commissioner Rosser stated it was a pleasure working with Mr. Taylor and wished him good luck.

Commissioner Davila asked if Ms. Leonard would be attending the Assembly meetings. Mr. Taylor stated it would typically be the Parks and Recreation Department Director who would attend those meetings. Commissioner Davila expressed that it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Taylor and wished him luck in future endeavors.

Commissioner Rosser asked whether it was possible to hold senior exercise classes at the Carlson Center. Mr. Taylor stated it was possible in the future and detailed possible COVID-19 mitigation measures which might be enacted. Mr. Taylor also said that the Parks and Recreation Department Director, Donnie Hayes, supported in-person programs of that type. Mr. Taylor stated it would be something that he would discuss with his colleagues but foresaw no roadblocks.

Chair Daniello asked this request be passed on Mr. Taylor's successor.

Commissioner Hunter asked what happened to the sign of the park in front of the Carlson Center that is being replaced. Mr. Taylor stated that John Haas, Parks Superintendent, would be the best person to answer that question and provided his phone number.

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- 2. Report from the Community Health Improvement Plan working group by Kari Burrell, Foundation Health Internal and External Affairs Senior Director

Kari Burrell, the Foundation Health Internal and External Affairs Senior Director, presented, in conjunction with Commissioner Davila, a PowerPoint detailing the Community Health Improvement Plan and its goals, priorities, and the statistics gathered.

Chair Daniello asked that Ms. Burrell make the PowerPoint available to the commission. Ms. Burrell stated she would.

Chair Daniello asked the commission to consider the information presented and how it might be used to advocate for seniors in the community.

Commissioner Supplee stated she has worked with Ms. Burrell before, and she is thankful and excited about the partnership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Review and Approval of Draft Senior Citizen Transportation Survey

Chair Daniello reintroduced the Draft Senior Citizen Transportation Survey and explained the edits she had already made.

Commissioner Supplee stated the survey was well done.

Discussion ensued and edits were made to the survey.

SUPPLEE, moved to approve the draft survey as
Seconded by DAVILA edited.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT SURVEY AS EDITED.

Yeses: Supplee, Southwood, Davila, Rosser,
Hunter, Wood, Daniello

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Dissemination of the Draft Senior Citizen Transportation Survey

The locations that the survey would be disseminated to and the printing of the survey were discussed.

Commissioner Rosser wondered if a commissioner could speak to people in person if they were reluctant to fill out a survey. Chair Daniello suggested that someone could present the survey and the reasoning behind it while distributing the survey.

Commissioner Rosser suggested that would also be a good way to connect with people and inform them of the existence of the commission.

Commissioner Rosser, Commissioner Hunter, and Commissioner Supplee volunteered for this duty.

Further avenues for distributing the survey were discussed.

The timeline of printing and distribution was discussed.

The timeline of returning the survey was also discussed.

Commissioner Supplee felt that the quicker the survey was distributed and returned the better to possibly get some of the ARPA funds committed to transportation.

Chair Daniello wished to invite Ms. Johnson to the next Senior Citizens Advisory Commission meeting. Mr. Taylor stated he would forward on the request.

Chair Daniello would like to add the extension of meeting duration to an hour and a half discussion to the next meeting.

Chair Daniello stated the Community Health Improvement Plan working group would like the commission to request data on how many of the housing units in the Fairbanks North Star Borough are accessible according to the standards set forth by the Americans With Disabilities Act.

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

NONE

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Rosser thanked the commission.

Commissioner Southwood also thanked the commission.

Commissioner Hunter echoed those sentiments.

Vice-Chair Wood welcomed the new commissioners.

Commissioner Davila thanked Mr. Taylor for his service with the commission.

Commissioner Supplee echoed the other commissioners' sentiments.

Chair Daniello thanked the commission, welcomed the new commissioners again, and thanked Mr. Taylor for his work. Chair Daniello also summarized the items that will possibly be included on the next meeting's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.