



**SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2024 ~ Anchorage Senior Activity Center/Zoom**

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Debbie Bear Abi Haring-Brito Suzanne Hickel Dr. Emily McMahan Traci Willett	AnnaBell Stevens (U)	Marge Stoneking, AARP Maureen Haggblom, ADRC Jim Bailey Gordon Glaser Staff Liaison: Judy Atkins

Call to Order

Commissioner Haring-Brito called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. with a quorum.

Introductions

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented, Commissioner Hickel; seconded by Commissioner Bear. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

Approval of the January 24, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Bear; seconded by Commissioner Hickel. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

Presentation – rescheduled for March meeting

Legislative | AARP Report | Marge Stoneking

Ms. Stoneking thanked the commission for their letter of support and indicated AARP looks forward to working with us in 2024. She provided brief overviews of the bills currently going through the legislature such as senior benefits, civil legal services, SNAP eligibility, and nursing licensure and their standing at this point in time. Letters of support from the commission were also sent to the Alaska State Legislature.

Commission Focus Points

Dementia Commissioner Hickel is working on the letter; motion by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Willett, to provide the letter to Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska.

Hearing no objection, motion passed.

Anchorage as an Age Friendly Designation. Ongoing meetings are occurring regarding design features – some are decades away from being finalized.

Continuing Business

Commission Vacancies update. Ms. Atkins reported that Dawnia Clements was not reappointed by the Mayor. Additionally, Jim Bailey and Gordon Glaser’s reappointments are more than 120 days out so they are not considered voting commissioners until reappointed. This is expected to be approved by the March meeting. One vacancy at this time.

AARP Letter of support. **Completed and sent to AARP.**

Legislative Support Letters. Completed and sent to Alaska State Legislators/Governor.

Senior Resource Fair. Gordon Glaser attended and shared a table with the senior center. There were more vendors than participants.

Older Americans Month Kick-off Event. Ms. Atkins provided a brief overview on the upcoming Older Americans Month Kick-off Event, May 1, 2024, 10:30-12:30 at the senior center. Ron Hammett Award information has been updated and will be sent out. Singer is confirmed, donor request letter completed, request for cake done, requests for congressional videos done. She will send the donor letter to all along with areas which she needs assistance. Commissioner Haring-Brito suggested starting a committee to meet periodically starting with a breakfast on March 21st; she will send out invitations. Identifying a guest speaker is the first priority.

New Business

Public Comment

Commissioner Haring-Brito shared information about the Transit Center study. Three locations have been discussed; they will open it up to public comment. There will be a stakeholder meeting on April 3, 2024.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn, Commissioner Bear; seconded by Commissioner McMahan; **hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 11:20.**

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024