



**Municipality of Anchorage
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2017 – 10:00am-11:00pm

**Joint Meeting & Working Lunch, Mat Su Council on Aging – 11:00-1:00pm
Chugiak Eagle River Senior Center, 22424 N. Birchwood Loop, Chugiak**

Members Present	Members Absent	Mat Su Council on Aging
Gayle Schuh, Chair Joan Fisher Theresa Brisky Ella Craig Kevin Turkington Hattie Gardner LeeAnn Horn (T)	Dawnia Clements (E) Anna Bell Stevens (E)	Kevin Munson Karl Garber Derrick Pennington Rachel Greenberg Herman Thompson Jim McCall Chuck Foster Lamar Anderson
<u>DHHS Staff</u> David Levy		

The meeting started with a quorum.

Call to Order

Chair Gayle Schuh called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and welcomed the Mat-Su Council on Aging to the Joint Meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Kevin moved to approve the agenda and Hattie Gardner seconded the motion. – **Hearing no objections, the Agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes

Kevin moved to accept the minutes of April 26 and Theresa seconded the motion. **Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.**

Introductions

The persons in attendance gave a brief background on their respective commission/ council.

Comments from the Chair

Chair Schuh said that this was her favorite meeting last year and looks forward to working on projects together.

Liaison Report – David Levy

David said that the ADRC is working with the Mat-Su ADRC in conducting pre-screening services and they are looking at adding two positions in July. The budget from HUD was approved late last week and the Municipality is out of rental and utility assistance funding for FY2017. There isn't a clear picture of what FY2018 funding will look like. The MOA ADRC continues to partner with Chugach Electric and AWWU and are looking to the Matanuska Electric Association to see if they will provide utility assistance.

Presentation

Chair Schuh introduced Linda Hendrickson, Chugiak Senior Center. Linda gave an overview on their activities.

They are having a housing challenge in Chugiak/Eagle River and they are in need of 60 unit independent housing and a 60 bed Assisted Living Facility. They are building 19 duplexes, a total of 38 two-bedroom market rate homes. The size is 1,400 SF and will cost \$1,500/unit.

The CAN/PCA/Med Administration School is doing very well. They are expanding their transportation fleet adding two vans, two cars, and 2 buses and are looking at partnerships with other transporters. The People Mover changes eliminates Eagle River from the route. David mentioned that the Anchorage taxi business is changing and the Transportation Commission is able to provide permits to non-profits for taxi services.

Old Business

Older American's Month debrief – David suggested that past Ron Hammett awardees be asked to do the reviews of the nominations to take the Commission out of the process. There was a suggestion to review the questions and application to see if it could be pared down some. Joan suggested that the people who were nominated but not selected be notified since we are required to tell them we are nominating the person. We may need to look at a different venue if the event attendance continues to grow. Thank you to Hattie who invited her Shiloh Baptist study group and it was well attended by them!

Senior Survey Findings – David and LeeAnn presented the findings of the 708 returned surveys. Continued education of family and community on aging is important. We would like to emphasize prevention and would like to look at 1-5 actions that we can implement over the next five to ten years.

New Business

Joint Meeting began - Review of last year's priorities:

The Joint Meeting between the Commission and the Council began. David Levy announced that one of the outcomes from last year was to look at the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) starting an Area Agency on Aging (AAA). David said the MOA is not interested in applying to be an AAA.

Jim McCall gave an overview of housing statistics and the situation in the MOA and Mat-Su. The state funding requested in Alaska is \$2.75 million. Given the need for senior housing and the lack of funding for building more, Jim encourages marketing making accessibility changes in a remodel and said there are loans available for renovations. Rachel reported that the Mat-Su had 134 skilled nursing home beds approved through the Certificate of Need process. A company called Maple Springs will be building 60 SNF beds, 60 ALF beds, and 14 rehab, memory care and hospice beds in the Wasilla/Palmer area.

Rachel also gave an update on the Conflict Free Case Management and Person Centeredness Regulations that are being implemented by CMS.

Transportation Update: The Valley is also overhauling their public transportation system. David announced that the MOA will be implementing the PeopleMover changes October 23, 2017 and we will have service every 15 minutes in the downtown area, airport service until 2 am, and neighborhood service every 30 or 60 minutes. Services will be discontinued in South Anchorage, Oceanview and Eagle River. AnchorRides will not be cut at this time. The changes in the Taxi Commission by the State of Alaska will allow Uber into Anchorage and the State.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.

Notes taken by Joan Fisher