



**Municipality of Anchorage
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2017
Anchorage Senior Activity Center**

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Gayle Schuh, Chair Joan Fisher, Vice Chair Kevin Turkington Dawnia Clements Anna Bell Stevens <u>DHHS Staff</u> David Levy Judy Atkins	Theresa Brisky (U) Hattie Gardner (U) LeeAnn Horn (E) Ella Craig - Passed	Steve Ashman, MOA DHHS Sheila Shinn, UAA Gordon Glaser, Senior Center

The meeting started with a quorum.

Call to Order

Chair Gayle Schuh called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Schuh called for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Turkington moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. – **Hearing no objections, the Agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes

Chair Schuh called for approval of the minutes for the May 24, 2017 meeting as presented. Commissioner Turkington moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. **Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.**

Introductions

Commissioner introductions and introduction of Steve Ashman, Division Manager of Housing and Community Services, DHHS MOA.

Mr. Ashman provided the following updates on the ADRC: The ADRC is expanding in that it has added a new staff member, Heather Lindquist who will handle the prescreening process; another position will be added and we are encouraging people to apply. The Community Safety and Development program has been reduced significantly and is operating on a deficit with the reserves depleted. This has resulted in the manager, Nancy Anderson, being laid off instead of other staff. She will be displacing David Levy as Senior Services Coordinator on July 6th and David will be taking a position as manager in the AnchorRides program. Additionally Mr. Ashman spoke about the new building process. When asked by Commissioner Clements about the AAA program, he commented that the issue is on hold temporarily until the ADRC expansion is complete. The ADRC five year contract is up for renewal next year.

Comments from the Chair

Chair Schuh commented on how tough it is to lose Ella Craig, long serving Senior Commissioner, who passed away on June 17. Several commissioners shared “Ella” stories. She will be missed for her “tell it like it is” attitude.

Liaison Report – David Levy

David commented that incoming Resource Specialist Heather Lindquist will be starting on July 10. There is interest in the department to do a program for veterans by the end of the year. On Friday, the ADRC will be hosting a free barbecue at Chugach View/Chugach Manor from 1-3:30pm. Please come if you are available. Miscellaneous vendors will be available to speak with the residents.

Old Business

Ron Hammett Award process – A suggestion was made to separate the Commission from the Award process, maybe past winners could be part of a task force to choose the winner. It was commented that it is hard for a Commissioner to nominate someone then be on the committee to choose the winner. **Motion: Commissioner Fisher moved that the following timeline be accepted: open the nominations in January, close in March, review in April, with the final award winner recommendation presented to the Commission who will have the final say; seconded by Commissioner Turkington. Passed.** In the fall, the nomination form will be reviewed and updated and a letter will be prepared to the past winners requesting their participation in this process.

Joint Meeting Debrief – Mr. Levy said it was a very productive meeting. Commissioner Turkington commented that the MatSu has so many different challenges and seem to be more passionate about getting involved. There is desire to meet the challenges on both ends head on. There was discussion on how to join together yet keep ourselves separated. Commissioner Clements said that some of the things MatSu is facing right now, Anchorage has already gone through like nursing homes, transportation. Commissioner Fisher indicated they are still in the growth stage, not really under the borough’s jurisdiction and can do what they like whereas Anchorage is under the

Mayor's watch. Also, MatSu council members do this as a part of their job. The question was posed: Should we be meeting with them as their intentions are different? The consensus was yes we should listen as we continue to meet and brainstorm.

New Business

Memorial Service for Commissioner Craig: To be held at the Anchorage Native Heritage Center, June 29 from 7-10pm. **Motion: Commissioner Clements moved that the Senior Commission sponsor a resolution honoring Ella Craig to be sent to the Assembly; second by Commissioner Turkington. Passed.**

Presentation

AK GILD Program – Sheila Shinn. Sheila told the Commission that the Alaska Geriatrics Interdisciplinary Leadership Development Program (AK GILD) is in their third and final year however they would like to continue as long as they can. There have been 12 graduates in 11 years and fall recruitment is happening now. This program is creating the next generation of leaders who will dramatically improve systems of care supporting health and quality of life for older Alaskans. There are many opportunities to participate in the program. She also told about the partnership with Southcentral Foundation and APU which have been very receptive. Commissioner Stevens offered to share the GILD information with her United Way partners.

Announcements

Gordon Glaser indicated he had attended the National Council on Aging meeting with Becky Parker. One of the programs spoken about was Mastering in Aging, 10 sessions offered by Providence. There is a focus on instate programs and education. He spoke of the need for advocates and people working in the field to have additional knowledge. Ms. Shinn commented that the curriculum is geared towards younger seniors and recommended for those in their 50s.

Kevin Turkington reported that the Summer Solstice Golf Class, held last Friday (until 2:30am) sold out with twice as many sponsors who took an active part in the tournament. This resulted in raising close to \$10,000 for the Arthritis Foundation – funds that stay in Alaska.

David Levy commented that he has appreciated working with the Commission and that they are doing wonderful things.

Joan Fisher commented that she will not be renewing her term at the end of 2017.

Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.