



**Municipality of Anchorage  
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES  
August 23, 2017  
Turnagain Social Club, 3201 Turnagain Pkwy., Anchorage**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
<b>Gayle Schuh, Chair</b> Joan Fisher, Vice Chair Theresa Brisky Hattie Gardner Kevin Turkington Anna Bell Stevens  <b><u>DHHS Staff</u></b> Nancy Anderson Judy Atkins	Dawnia Clements (E) LeeAnn Horn, Resigned	Kori Mateaki, Owner, Turnagain Social Club Maddie Ketner, AmeriCorp representative

Following a tour of the Turnagain Social Club led by Kori Mateaki, the meeting started with a quorum.

**Call to Order**

Chair Gayle Schuh called the meeting to order at 10:29 am.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Schuh called for approval of the agenda. Added to New Business was “Discuss Future Presentations”. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Commissioner Turkington. **Hearing no objections, the Agenda was approved.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Schuh called for approval of the minutes for the June 28, 2017 meeting as presented. Commissioner Fisher moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Turkington. **Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.**

## Introductions

Commissioner introductions and introduction of guests Kori Mateaki, owner of Turnagain Social Club and Maddie Ketner.

## Comments from the Chair

Chair Schuh commented that she is enjoying her visit to the Social Club as it is great to get out and see what our Anchorage community has to offer. Thank you to Kori and her staff for their hospitality.

## ADRC Staff Report – Nancy Anderson

The ADRC is in the fifth and final year of their grant and will be reapplying next year for this non-competitive grant. Heather Lindquist, incoming Resource Specialist, will work under the Medicaid Prescreening Program Grant, new to the ADRC. Also joining the ADRC staff is Rosano Ebue in mid-September. In reviewing four years of performance measures, the ADRC provided 12,721 referrals with 187 who needed additional options counseling. That number will be increasing as the Medicaid staffer on the clinical floor makes referrals to the ADRC to provide any other resources they may need. MEA (Matanuska Electric Association) would like to help with energy assistance providing funding to assist those having a hard time (shut off notices). Regarding the recent customer satisfaction survey completed by 45 individuals, 91% reported they were satisfied with the ADRC. AHFC is now handing a senior home modification programs, NeighborWorks is the contact.

## Old Business

Ron Hammett Award process – The committee met and made several changes to the nomination form for the award. Commissioner Turkington moved that the commission accept the work of the committee with minor revisions, seconded by Commissioner Stevens. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

Annual Mayor's Meeting & Update (Letter) – The draft letter was presented to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Fisher would like copies sent to the Assembly; she also suggested that the list of current Commissioners be included with the letter and that the wording needs to reflect more about educating the public on the voids that need to be filled. The Commission will advocate or educate for more robust services and support. Commissioner Schuh will do the edits. Commissioner Turkington moved to approve the letter with edits, seconded by Theresa Brisky. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.** We will not schedule a Mayor's meeting at this time.

Member recruitment – There are at least three (3) commission vacancies: Commissioner Horn has resigned; one vacancy as a result of Ella's passing; Commissioner Fisher will not be serving another term; Commissioner Clements is undecided at this time. Commissioner Turkington has reached out to the VA through their social workers; Commissioner Schuh has contacted the Polynesian cultural

center and made contact with a Muslim couple who may be interested. The YWCA is aware we are recruiting. Ideas: Dave Kuiper with the faith community; someone from Providence, Southcentral Foundation, or AHFC (housing field). If you know of someone who is interested please contact Ona Brause as soon as possible.

### **New Business**

Future Presentations – Chair Schuh will contact Access Alaska for a possible presentation and to inquire if we could hold the September meeting there. Another idea for a future meeting site would be a public library. Nancy Anderson asked if our commission would like to do a joint event with the ADA Commission. Chair Schuh will contact the ADA to see what they are contemplating.

### **Presentation**

Salvation Army – Maddie Ketner, AmeriCorp volunteer with the Salvation Army reported on a new program starting in September, Safe Seniors Program. Four AmeriCorp volunteers are in charge of partnering with the Older Alaskans program to help them prepare for disasters with emergency preparedness plans. They will help them plan to get everything they need to safely remain in their homes like prescriptions, a phone list, a go kit. Right now they are in the process of recruiting members and partnering with other agencies like Catholic Social Services.

### **Announcements**

Hattie Garner has been contacted by a member of Mat Su Council on Aging who was interested in her church (Shiloh) program.

Kevin Turkington reported that Mabel T Caverly is having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Parcel Post Auction Party on September 21<sup>st</sup>. It is a fun time with auction items wrapped in postal paper and a full catered dinner, full beverage bar and dessert room. Tickets are \$30 for non-members and he has some on hand. Call Denise at MTC to get tickets or to volunteer, 276-1496. This is their main fundraiser of the year.

### **Announcements**

The meeting adjourned at 11:42am.