



**SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2021 ~ Microsoft Teams**

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Gayle Schuh, Vice Chair Dawnia Clements AnnaBell Stevens Hattie Gardner Mary Shields	Emily McMahan (U) Jim Bailey, Chair (E) Theresa Brisky (U) Pam Kelley (E)	Maureen Haggblom, ADRC Gordon Glaser, ACoA Tabitha Karpow, ASAC Staff: Judy Atkins

Call to Order

Vice Chair Schuh started the meeting at 10:00 a.m. without a quorum.

Introductions

Presentation – Tabitha Karpow, Communications & Development Director, Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Ms. Karpow talked about the meals program which, through social distancing, allowed those who needed food to have some for \$5.00 donation if under the age of 50. Fitness classes continued by zoom with the exercise room open by appointment. Zoom fitness classes are also held and outdoors limited in person. Volunteers worked out on the grounds many times this spring. Construction: the main entrance is blocked at this time, atrium will be removed and replaced. Grand reopening on July 12th. This was approved through a bond, thank you citizens of Anchorage. On July 1st, prior to the grand re-opening, an ice cream social meet and greet with Mayor Bronson to be held. Please join, speeches, entertainment; Tastee Freeze sponsored the ice cream. The Arctic Rose Restaurant has been delayed opening because of the ongoing take out meal program.

Gordon Glaser remarked that people are coming back to ASAC and thanked all for their patience. Medicare is still available at ASAC; the center is compliant with all regulations. They will also continue to use Zoom as many people prefer it and are looking for input on what should stay (reopen) and what should go, program wise.

Alaska Commission on Aging Report - Gordon Glaser

The ACoA is discussing the budget for next year; they are exploring the possibility of holding listening sessions in Kodiak and Fairbanks, maybe Anchorage as well. They are asking for input from local providers and consumers to go into making the statewide plan. He asks that members view the plan and let them know what we want to see. Commissioners are always invited to attend the meeting. This year concerns include medical care, transportation, and nutrition.

Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:56 with a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Schuh called for approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the Agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Gardner. **Hearing no objections, the Agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Schuh called for approval of the minutes for the April 28, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Schuh moved to approve as presented; seconded by Commissioner Stevens. **Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.**

Legislative | AARP Report

Old Business

Letter to the Mayor – Letter is complete and will be presented to the Mayor along with an invitation to attend a meeting.

Older Americans Month Wrap-up – Commissioner Schuh provided an overview of the event which was a huge success. Fifteen people attended in person and approximately 65 via Zoom and it was recorded on Facebook. Huge thank you to the Anchorage Senior Activity Center, Becky Parker, and to Julie McFarland and Brittney Mitchell for their technical prowess. Dawnia Clements volunteered to write a thank you note from the Commission.

Commission Vacancy Update – The commission welcomed Mary Shields to her first ‘official’ meeting as Commissioner. Mary’s knowledge will be a huge asset to the future of commission issues. No vacancies on the Commission at this time.

Focal Point – Alzheimers.

New Business

Commission Meeting Status. Motion by Commissioner Stevens that the commission takes a break in July, as many will be unavailable. Seconded by Commissioner Clements. **Motion passed.** *The commission also agreed to meet in person at the Senior Center for the August meeting. A Zoom meeting option will be provided as well.*

Presentations for Monthly Meetings. Would the commissioners be willing to provide a presenter for an upcoming commission meeting? Think out of the box, what do we want/need to know about what is available for seniors. Commissioner Shields suggested asking Becky Parker, ASAC E.D. to provide an update on the Center and give a tour.

Comments from the Chair

Commissioner/Guest Comments/Announcements

Gordon Glaser thanked the Commission for honoring him with the 2021 Ron Hammett Award.

Commissioners are invited to attend the social hour at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center on 6/30/2021.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, at 11:30 a.m. Hearing no objections, motion passed, meeting adjourned