



**SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES  
October 26, 2022 ~ Anchorage Senior Activity Center/Zoom**

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Abi Haring-Brito , Vice Chair Dr. Emily McMahan AnnaBell Stevens Traci Willett Suzanne Hickel Dawnia Clements	Jim Bailey, (E)	Gordon Glaser Maureen Haggblom, ADRC  <b>Staff Liaison:</b> Judy Atkins

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Haring-Brito called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Introductions**

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

**Approval of the October 26, 2022 Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Willett; seconded by Commissioner Stevens. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

**Presentation**

**Legislative | AARP Report**

**Old Business**

Focus Point Alzheimer’s. Commissioner Clements commented on heading in the right direction and suggested having someone liaison with Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska – Gordon Glaser volunteered to do so. The health department’s public information officer (PIO) could assist with social media posts. A question perhaps not thought of – How does a person adjust when they become the patient and not the caregiver? So, it’s important we address patient health concerns as well as caregiver health.

Anchorage as an Age Friendly Designation. Tabled.

Commission Vacancy Update. Dr. Emily McMahan and Gordon Glaser’s applications have been forwarded to the Assembly for approval; Commission office has told Gordon it will be on the November 22 agenda. Ms. Atkins will ask the PIO to place a social media posting regarding one vacancy remaining.

**New Business**

2022 Letter from the Mayor. The mayor received the Senior Commission’s 2022 Letter to the Mayor; Commissioners received a letter from the mayor in response. The mayor suggested that

we investigate involvement with AMATS, the local Metropolitan Planning Organization. They are important to Anchorage's infrastructure, and he believes seniors should have a voice in how the funds are spent. Commissioner Willett requested information on AMATS and when the next meeting would occur. She will attend the meeting and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Election of Officers: Per operating rules and procedures the commission officers will be elected at the January 25, 2023 meeting. Commissioners were asked to consider both the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

December 14 Commission Meeting Hiatus. After discussion it was agreed that Ms. Atkins will send out an email requesting commission vote to take a break for the December meeting. She will do so after speaking with Chair Bailey.

## **Public Comment**

### **Commissioner/Announcements**

Gordon Glaser invited the commission to attend the ASAC social hour at noon; native dancers from the Anchorage Heritage Center will be entertaining.

Maureen Haggblom with the Aging and Disability Resource Center commented on the start up of rental assistance in October. Chugach Electric has restarted their utility assistance program. There is now a resource specialist on staff specializing in emergency services. Additionally a grant specifically for seniors for utility assistance has been approved.

### **Adjournment**

Move to adjourn, Commissioner Willett; seconded by Commissioner Haring-Brito; hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 10:35.

### **Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 2022**