



## **MINUTES**

### **North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission**

**November 27, 2017, 3:00 PM**

**Hays Center**

The Senior Citizens Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Blankenbeker at 3:00 PM.

Present were: Dick Blankenbeker, Virginia Raum, Marleene Calvin, Murry Witcher, Eddie Powell, Robert Barnes, Belinda Snow, and Dorothy Romes. A quorum was declared.

Absent was Dick Giddings. Murry Witcher made a motion to excuse the absence. Eddie Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Eddie Powell to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Belinda Snow. Motion passed unanimously.

Hays Center Director, Bernadette Rhodes, gave a brief overview of the financial information and bank accounts reporting that all financials are in good order. A portion of the remaining 2017 budget has been allocated for three new pieces of fitness equipment, a standing elliptical, a seated elliptical, and a treadmill. She informed commissioners that the 2018 City budget would be voted on at the December 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. City Councilmembers had not voiced any concerns about the Hays Center's budget at the November budget hearing. Eddie Powell made a motion to accept the financial information, which was seconded by Murry Witcher. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rhodes gave a program update, including a review of her staff report to the Mayor. She noted that the North Little Rock Hall of Fame is taking nominations for 2018 inductees. Nominations are due January 12<sup>th</sup>. Activities in the past month included:

- A cleanup of the Center's outdoor landscaping.
- Alzheimers Arkansas gave a "Mind Games" presentation to kick off Dementia/Alzheimers support group.
- The Ladies' Day In shopping event made the Center \$90 in vendor commissions.
- Chair Volleyball was featured on KATV's Good Morning Arkansas.
- The Tuesday lunches are paying for themselves and have been well received.
- A Christmas Rummage Sale is scheduled for Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- A Christmas Party for members will be held on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Students from the NLR High School's EAST Initiative filmed a Flash Mob featuring Hays Center members to the tune of "Night Fever." The finished video will be done in January.
- Members are invited to submit slogans for a Hays Center t-shirt, which will then be printed and sold at the Center.

Ms. Rhodes presented the Center's plan for 2018 events, which includes a Black History Month luncheon and exhibit and a Mardi Gras ball.

Ms. Rhodes informed the Commission in regards to building maintenance.

- The parking lot has been restriped by the NLR Traffic Department.
- Shower heads need to be replaced continually.

A Commissioner commented that the floors in the showers need attention.

Ms. Rhodes passed along a request from a ballroom renter to pay for two extra hours during the day in order to start decorating the ballroom earlier. Since the two hours occurred during the Center's regular open hours and would not require additional staff, Ms. Rhodes made the recommendation to allow the change. The Commission discussed that such requests would be considered on a case-by-case basis and an approval did not constitute a change in policy. Virginia Raum made a motion to approve the two extra hours for this rental. Dorothy Romes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the December meeting and decided to cancel it due to the holidays.

A motion was made by Murry Witcher to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Marleen Calvin. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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Approved by Belinda Snow, Secretary