

GAHANNA ACTIVE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 18, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Williams called the Gahanna Active Senior Advisory Committee meeting to order December 18, 2019 at 2:30pm at the Gahanna Senior Center.

ATTENDANCE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present:	Virginia Williams	Jean Langkamp	
	Jeff Caffee	Patti Miller	Isobel Sherwood

Absent: Charles Culp, Jan Del Col

GUESTS AND STAFF: Present: Sarah Mill, Recreation Supervisor; Jeffrey Barr, Director of Parks & Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 30, 2019

Sherwood made a MOTION to approve the October 30, 2019 minutes with the correction that Jan Del Col be listed as absent; seconded by Langkamp.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Motion to approve – all were in favor, no opposed

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

OLD BUSINESS

Mill opened discussion of the by-law review to include a few typographical updates as well as the membership age requirement and the term limit/election cycle for committee members. No staggering of members was done in 2018, resulting in 6 of the 7 members concluding their term in 2020. Sherwood recommended modification of the wording in section 3.1 to adjust the terms so that the Parks Board will appoint 2 member for 1 year and 1 members for 2 years; the senior membership will elect 2 members for 1 year and 1 member for 2 years. No changes were made to the number of terms a member may serve. Sherwood also recommended we add language in section 3.4 “If a vacancy occurs in an elected member’s position the remaining ASAC members may appoint a member to fulfill the unexpired term.” In section 5.1, a recommendation was made to change “in a local newspaper of general circulation” to “in the Spotlight newsletter.” Mill also indicated she would follow procedures outlined in section 6.3 to distribute meeting minutes no less than seven days after the meeting. The committee also agreed to follow procedures in 5.1 publish the slate of nominees for the 2020 election.

Sherwood indicated that, if the Parks Board approves the recommended changes to the bylaws, she will update the Policies and Procedures to reflect those changes.

Sherwood made a MOTION to recommend these changes to the Parks & Recreation Board at the January 8, 2020 meeting; Williams seconded.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Motion to approve – all were in favor, no opposed

NEW BUSINESS

Mill indicated that she had reached out Mayor Elect Laurie Jadwin to share an invitation to the February 13, 2020 Sauce & Song event as well as visit the center in early 2020 for a general discussion with the Senior Center membership. Barr confirmed that the Mayor swearing in ceremony will take place on January 2 at 7pm.

Barr gave an update on the possibility of funding a senior bus. Barr recently met with representatives from MORPC to discuss a federal transportation grant for “enhanced mobility of seniors.” A wheelchair accessible shuttle bus would qualify. The grant will fund up to 80% of the purchase expense of the vehicle, with a 20% match requirement. Barr referenced the senior account held at the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation in the amount of \$13,273. The estimate for the cost of the vehicle is \$65,000-\$85,000. The specifics of the bus including number of passengers will be determined at a later date; however, Barr recommended the vehicle not require a CDL license to drive.

Barr requested the committee make a motion to use the funds in the senior foundation account towards the 20%, with the intention of also requesting the Foundation any remaining necessary funds for the match and graphics, up to \$10,000, at its meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2020. If approved by the Foundation, Barr will inform City Council at the January 6, 2020 meeting as City funds will be needed to cover associated insurance, maintenance and fuel costs of the vehicle as part of the City’s fleet. On January 13, 2020, the preliminary application for the grant for the purpose of screening requests is due with a formal application to follow.

Miller asked if the vehicle will be reserved for exclusive use by seniors. Barr indicated that there is a possibility that the vehicle may occasionally be used for other purposes, but that would not be the norm and we would be sure to follow any parameters specified by the grant.

Miller said that to currently use the van for transportation members pay \$4. Barr said each particular trip would dictate what an associated surcharge may be to ride the bus.

Sherwood made a MOTION that the committee make a request that up to 100% the funds in the foundation Senior Center reserve account be used towards the purchase of a van through a group by MORPC. Seconded by Caffee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Motion to approve – all were in favor, no opposed

OFFICER REPORTS

ASAC President/VP Report: No report

Treasury Report:

- Senior Escrow - \$6,430
- Foundation Account: \$13,273 (as of Oct 31st 2019)

Recreation Supervisor Report:

Mill shared that over 90 members and guests attended the December 11, 2019 holiday open house with 5 sponsors. After January, the Tuesday evening yoga class will be canceled due to low attendance and concerns about traveling after dark and a new instructor will assume the Monday morning yoga class beginning in February. Mill informed the committee that a youth program will begin on Thursday evenings in January and the Preschool Activity Fair is scheduled for January 16, 2020.

2020 memberships went on sale beginning December 1. To date, 119 members have purchased memberships.

On December 16, Mayor Kneeland presented a Lead by Example Award to the Senior Craft Group in recognition of their donation of \$1,400 to the Children's Hospital Foundation and ongoing fundraising efforts.

Mill revisited the discussion about the reduction in membership age to 50. At this time, no formal request to the Parks Board has been made. If the committee would like to reduce the age, they must update the Policies & Procedures and take a formal request to the Parks Board. Research of other centers shows that no other centers have a membership age below 55, with some requiring members be 60 or 65. Mill asked if there is still interest in moving forward with the change request or leave the minimum requirement at 55, which is what has been advertised for the 2020 membership year. Sherwood said she does not see a need to lower the age and pointed out that an associate member is allowed in the policies and procedures to be under age 55. The committee agreed that the membership age should remain at 55.

Mill said the January newsletter is in draft form and will be submitted to the printer this week and will be mailed as soon as possible.

Sunshine Sub-Committee: No report

New Members Sub-Committee: No report

Volunteer Sub-Committee: No report

Next Meeting: January 29, 2020 at 2:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

Williams made a MOTION to adjourn

All were in favor – no opposed

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Mill