

ROSE CITY SENIOR CENTER

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SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Meeting of October 20, 2008

Members in Attendance: Chairperson Michael Lahan, Vice Chairperson Gen Bergendahl, Secretary Margaret Aldrich, Regular Members Olive Buddington, Jacquelyn Randall, and Alternate Members, Jan Stewart. Attending staff were Beverly Goulet, Mike Wolak and Anne Barriere.

Absent were Alternate Members Frank Jacaruso and Antoinette Gwiazdowski.

Chairperson Michael Lahan determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes: Accepted.

Communications: Thank-you cards to the Senior Center staff for help getting out-of-town transportation (Med Ride II) to medical appointments were read. An article on the *Wii* Tournament recently held at the Senior Center was shown to the Commission.

Human Services Report: After the elections are over and the legislative agendas are set, we will plan up a Legislative Forum here at the Center.

Senior Center Report: We ordered a new sign for the north entrance and following requests have purchased and sanitizers for the Center. Next Monday is our annual flu clinic. Help is welcome.

Chairperson's Report/Legislative Report: Bev has just received the budget papers to work on for the coming year

Other Business: none.

Old Business: A question was asked about the timing and process for a Legislative Forum and should the commission forward ideas to Bev or Mike. Bev answered that it should be planned for after the elections. For example, the chairman or vice chairman should contact someone like Edith Prague and ask what will be on the agenda for the Dept. of Aging, and then set it up. Bev and Mike will assist but this is something the commission should take a leadership role on.

New Business: We have received the new FOI requirements from the City. We will now have to post our minutes (marked as draft) on the Senior Center's web site within seven days. When the commission approves them at their next meeting, they will be marked as approved on the site. Also, a copy of the meeting Agenda will need to be posted on the meeting room door the day before. Anne will try to have them ready the day after each meeting so Secretary Margaret Aldrich will be able to view them before posting.

In response to an inquiry on the procedure for Michael Lahan to resign as Chairperson but stay on as a regular member on the Commission, a review of the bylaws found there is no provision for this action. The action was tabled for the next meeting.

It was also suggested that an “interest” list be developed of people who might be interested in serving on the Commission in the future should a position become available. It was voted to post this invitation in the December *VOICES*.

Next Meeting: Monday, **November 17, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Rose City Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Aldrich

Margaret Aldrich, Secretary

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(Regular meetings of the Commission are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of Mar/Apr/May and Sept/Oct/Nov.)