

ROSE CITY SENIOR CENTER

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SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Meeting of November 17, 2008

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

Absent was Vice Chairperson Gen Bergendahl.

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

Minutes: Accepted.

Communications: None

Human Services Report: Our budget has been submitted to the City, though we are waiting for the State's budget. It is a bare-bones budget but we did put in for a new wheelchair bus.

Ideas were requested for cost-saving ideas for the City. Bev suggested it may be necessary to not schedule any evening activities in the winter so the building will not have to be heated for a small number of people. There are other venues where small groups can meet including the City's testing which could take place at the Fire Dept.'s conference room.

Senior Center Report: A reminder of our upcoming Holiday Luncheon on Dec 11th (tickets at the Reception Desk at the Senior Center). It will feature Prime Rib and again be catered by Manny Cardoza.

Chairperson's Report/Legislative Report: None.

Other Business: Praise was given for the return of mini-trips, which are popular with the seniors because of their more affordable prices.

Jan mentioned that there would be no rose show this coming year do to a schedule conflict with the Chelsea Garden Tour.

Old Business: There was a question about activities planning a legislative forum but with all the budget activity, it is too early.

Michael brought up the topic of his resigning as an officer of the Commission. He has made calls and Gen Bergendahl has agreed to become Chairperson and Olive Buddington has agreed to become Vice Chairperson if so elected. One motion was made to accept Michael's resignation as Chairperson, move Gen from Vice Chairperson to Chairperson and appoint Olive as Vice Chairperson. Motion passed with four (4) for and one (1) abstention.

New Business: Follow-up to Flu Clinic—we gave out 150 flu shots and are still getting calls.

Next Meeting: Monday, **March 16, 2009, 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.)