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The City of Clovis Senior Services Committee met in regular session at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2022 in the North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library, 701 N. Main, in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Mayor Mike Morris, Chairperson
Ms. Donna Labatt, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Leslie Bassinger, Friendship Center
Mr. Terry Potter, City resident
Ms. Melinda Coslett, County resident
Mr. Linda Lawson, Baxter-Curren
Ms. Constance Williams, City resident

ABSENT: Ms. Shelley Winn, City resident
Ms. Liz Crouthaml, La Casa

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Riggan, Senior Services Director
Ms. Claire Burroughes, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bryant

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of minutes of December 16, 2021

Ms. Labatt advised she had several corrections to the minutes. Ms. Coslett made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16 as amended; Mr. Bassinger seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 – New Business

- a. Discussion and action regarding changing the meeting day/time for the Senior Services Committee

Mayor Morris advised the Senior Services Committee normally meets on the second Thursday of every other month at 3:00 p.m. He advised he has had several conflicts due to other board meetings. He asked if the second Thursday worked for everyone. Ms. Williams advised 3:00 p.m. is when she picks up her children. Mayor Morris advised he also has children to pick up at that time. He asked about the time of the day they should meet. Ms. Burroughes advised anytime would work. She asked if it would be better to have it at 1:30 p.m. instead of later in the afternoon. Mayor Morris asked if the commission approved of the meeting time. Ms. Burroughes advised the committee would set the time. The committee agreed that 1:30 p.m. worked better for everyone.

Ms. Burroughes asked if that would affect CRSMA's ability to attend. Ms. Riggan advised CRSMA serves lunch from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. so she would check with them. Vice Chairperson Labatt made a motion to change the Senior Services Committee meetings to the second Thursday of every odd month at 1:30 p.m.; Ms. Coslett seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

b. Discussion and action regarding forming a committee to assist with the naming of the new senior center

Ms. Riggan met with Kelsey Knight, Marketing Coordinator for the City, and they have come up with a suggestion for naming the center. She asked for the committee to select three members to form a sub-committee to come up with five names that they could create a survey for to send out to the community. Mayor Morris advised it was a good suggestion. Vice Chairman Labatt advised she would like to have input on as many things as possible and liked the idea of forming a subcommittee to come up with multiple names for the community to vote on.

Ms. Williams suggested putting out a suggestion box at the two senior center locations. The sub-committee could then review those suggestions and it allows participation from the beginning all the way through. Ms. Labatt advised she liked the idea, but the suggestion box should be out for a limited time. Ms. Coslett asked if they would put a suggestion box at Baxter-Curren, Friendship and La Casa. Ms. Williams advised since they serve lunch at Baxter and Friendship, she thought it would be a good idea to have it there. They don't serve lunch at La Casa anymore. Ms. Coslett advised they don't serve at Baxter either. Ms. Williams advised they were still access points and they all have gatherings.

Ms. Lawson thought it was good to have the seniors involved because a lot of them felt left behind when the decisions were being made. Mr. Bassinger advised it was a good suggestion to have input from the seniors. Mayor Morris agreed that they need to add this step to the process.

Ms. Williams asked if they had a deadline. Ms. Burroughes advised the city has a couple of boxes that could be used. Mayor Morris advised they want the suggestion boxes out for at least two weeks. He advised three or four weeks from now the sub-committee could begin meeting and go through the suggested names.

Vice Chairman Labatt advised it was appropriate for her to serve on the sub-committee. Ms. Coslett and Mr. Bassinger advised they would also like to serve. Ms. Burroughes advised staff would provide support for this sub-committee.

Ms. Williams made a motion to prepare suggestion boxes for all three sites and appoint Vice Chairman Labatt, Ms. Coslett and Mr. Bassinger to the sub-committee; Mr. Potter seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Old Business

a. Update regarding funding for the new senior center

Mayor Morris advised a few months ago the city had secured around \$5.7 million in funding from Aging & Long-Term Services and from a CDBG grant for the new senior center. When the

bids came back, the low bid was \$7.9 million leaving them a \$2.2 million gap. They could look at scaling back what was built but didn't want to do that. He thanked Vice Chairman Labatt for lobbying this along with Representative Crowder, Representative Zamora and Senator Woods. They received \$614,000 from the delegation in capital outlay and the Governor provided support through reauthorization of \$750,000 from her capital from the '21 session. The Governor also put in another \$750,000 from her own capital from the '22 session. Thanks to this funding they are back at where they needed to be.

Ms. Burroughes advised they have been in contact with Donna Stewart, who is handling the CDBG piece. They are also speaking with the architects and with Barbara Romero now that the Governor has signed the capital outlay bill. Mayor Morris advised this was a team partnership and they are excited about this moving forward.

Vice Chairman Labatt asked if there would be any cost overruns. Mayor Morris advised there was a good chance that because of inflation they probably will see some increases. Ms. Burroughes advised question on the table is whether or not the city is able to move forward without the agreements. They can't move forward right now without signed contracts.

Mayor Morris thanked everyone in city administration for all of their hard work. He also thanked Ms. Riggan for everything she has done.

Agenda Item No. 6 – For the good of the order

Senior Olympics

Ms. Coslett advised the Senior Olympics is up and running. They have opted out of the talent show, but will have their other events. Their registration dates are March 17th from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., March 18th from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and March 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Roy Walker. They can also register at the Friendship Center from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and at Baxter-Curren on Tuesday's. The \$20 registration fee includes one t-shirt, a hat and a ticket to the banquet which will be held at K-Bob's.

Baxter-Curren Senior Center

Ms. Lawson advised they have a raffle for a 12-gauge shotgun and will have a booth at the Gun, Knife and Coin Show at the Civic Center this weekend. The drawing will be Monday night after their business meeting. They have stew and corn bread with bingo to follow on Saturday afternoon. Their other activities include pool, bingo, game night, quilting, sew days, needle day for crotchet, line dancing and dances on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. They are planning a chili cook off, car show and a 50's dance on May 7th.

Friendship Center

Mr. Bassinger advised they will have coffee with Veteran's once a month. They have exercise classes five days a week, karaoke once a month, cooking classes and pool tournaments. There will be Easter crafts at the end of the month and a sock hop with ice cream floats on March 20th. They will start the Netflix series, Downton Abbey in April. They will also start doing virtual tours with their first one at the Norman & Vi Petty Studio. Sandy Pieratt, from Senior Services,

will start taking people to the walking trails. Movie days are Wednesday and in April they will watch Aladdin. In May they will go to the driving range and play 9 holes on their next outing.

Senior Services

Ms. Riggan advised Senior Services is doing several informational presentations:

March 15th - Kindred Hospice

March 17th – Interim Healthcare will host an Alzheimer’s presentation

March 21st - Interim Healthcare will host a hospice 101 workshop

March 29th – Interim Healthcare will host a homecare 101 workshop

April 5th – Compasses Hospice

April 8th – Med Health

April 12th – Heartland Nursing Home

April 13th – Retirement Ranch

April 28th – Interim Healthcare

She advised Senior Services is fully staffed and going strong.

Vice Chairman Labatt asked for an update on the public art. Ms. Riggan advised she would give an update at the May meeting.

Mayor Morris advised their next meeting would be at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 12th

Agenda Item No. 7 – Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.