

**MINUTES OF THE February 16, 2010
MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING
American Legion Memorial Civic Center
6140 Dempster Street
Morton Grove, Il, 60053**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission on Aging was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairperson Anne Marrazzo. Jackie Walker-O'Keefe called the roll. In attendance were:

Members of Commission Present: Jack Malloy, Alice Rupkey, Ann Marrazzo, Barbara Novick, Tom Stockenberg, Noble LeHew, Iris Nason, Nancy Brothers

Members of Commission absent: Eileen Coursey, Gerry Kansoer

Village Staff Present: Jackie Walker-O'Keefe, Director, Family & Senior Services
Alysia Miller-Goldstein, Senior Activities Coordinator
Sheldon Marcus, Village Trustee
Joe Wade, Village Administrator

Visitors Present: Eric Poders, Village Resident
Nancy Lanning, Village Resident

There being a quorum, Chairperson Marrazzo announced the first order of business was the approval of the January 12, 2010 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Novick and seconded by Commissioner Malloy.

Old Business:

Status of the Senior Center

Commissioner Nason asked about the status of the Senior Center. Joe Wade, Village Administrator responded that there will be a recommendation at the February 22nd Village Board meeting that staff continue the process of seeking an alternative provider for senior recreational services. He stated that there are five proposals including the Morton Grove Public Library, the North Shore Senior Center, the Sunshine Club, Omega Health Care, and the Golden Friends. Mr. Wade reviewed the proposals of each of the groups.

Commissioner Nason asked if any of the groups have any religious affiliation. Ms. Walker-O'Keefe stated that they did not. She stated that four are private businesses and one was a government entity.

Commissioner Novick asked where they get their funding. Ms. Walker-O'Keefe responded that two, Omega and Golden Friends, receive funding from the State of Illinois for providing adult day care services, as well as, payments for their home health services. Trustee Marcus stated that they may also get funding through grants. Commissioner Nason asked if their adult day care services are for people with dementia or Alzheimer's. Mr. Wade stated that they do accommodate dementia or Alzheimer's clients but also include individuals who cannot be alone

and their caregiver works. Mr. Wade stated that he and Ms. Walker-O'Keefe had concerns about the two agencies who want to provide adult day care services. It would be limit the available space for programming. Alysia Miller-Goldstein stated that it is dependent on the population.

Trustee Marcus stated that the objective is to continue the services the Village currently has. The Board has to determine the best direction to go within the budget restrictions. Commissioner LeHew commented that the Morton Grove Park District did not make a proposal. Trustee Marcus stated that there has been talk with the Park District.

Commissioner Novick asked Ms. Walker-O'Keefe if she thought that the two providers, whose focus was primarily health care, would be capable of providing recreational programming. Ms. Walker-O'Keefe stated that the Omega Healthcare has had experience in providing senior recreational programming. She stated that the Sunshine Club is interested in maintaining the recreational portion and has staff who would participate in providing recreational programming. Commissioner LeHew asked if there is an adult day care center in Morton Grove. There is a day care managed by a Korean organization on Lincoln Avenue. The others are located in Skokie and Niles.

Commissioner Rupkey asked if the Village has to pay for any of these services. Mr. Wade stated that the Village will provide the use of the building and its maintenance which would come from the Village budget. Mr. Wade stated that the support structure for each is different. There were questions about the senior lunch program. Ms. Walker-O'Keefe stated that CNN will continue to maintain that program.

Trustee Marcus stated that the plan is for Mr. Wade and Ms. Walker-O'Keefe to make a recommendation for step two of the process to the Village Board on February 22 at the regular board meeting. If the board accepts the recommendations the Joe and Jackie will meet with the final candidates and have a recommendation for the board by the end of March, 2010.

Commissioner Malloy asked if there will be any "oversight" committee to monitor what the new management is doing. Mr. Wade responded that Ms. Walker-O'Keefe will continue to oversee operations at the Civic Center. Jackie stated that a representative will be coming to the Commission on Aging meetings.

Liaison Reports

Jackie Walker-O'Keefe – Jackie reported that the Senior Center continues to function with reduced staffing.

Alysia Miller Goldstein – Alysia reviewed the upcoming programming and activities schedule.

John Thill, Village Trustee – Absent. See Trustee Shel Marcus' comments under "Status of the Senior Center".

Reports from Commissioners:

No reports.

Comments from Visitors

Eric Poders: Mr. Poders stated that he is working with Brad Dennison on developing a marketing plan for senior housing.

There being no further business, Commissioner Nason moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lehew and approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote at 2:22 p.m.
Next regular meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2010.

Minutes by: Jacqueline Walker-O'Keefe

Minutes were approved on 6/8/2010 by a unanimous voice vote of the Commissioners present.
Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstain 0

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