

**NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Northville Community Center – 303 W. Main St., Northville, MI**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea Murdock at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
Commission Members: Lesa Buckland, Patrick Giesa, Mindy Herrmann, Angela Jaafar, Bob Lipmyer, Andrea Murdock, Jan Purtell, Dory Schmidt (excused), Jan Valade
Staff Members: Christy Mattson, Mark Gasche
Guest(s): Brian Turnbull, City of Northville Mayor; Mike Zopf, Northville Public Schools
3. **Announcements and Citizens Comments:**
 - A. Murdock welcomed Mayor Brian Turnbull, and Mike Zopf.
 - B. Angela Jaafar introduced Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Northville Public Schools (NPS), and distributed information on the March 10, 2020 sinking fund ballot proposal. Proposal is a .95 millage rate renewal for five years beginning in 2021 and ending in 2026. More information at nps@northvilleschools.org.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion by Giesa, seconded by Lipmyer to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Herman, seconded by Giesa to approve the November 21, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed.
6. **Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Staff Updates**
 - Joyce Drever has been hired as a substitute Front Desk Assistant.
 - Transportation Coordinator position was filled but subsequently gave notice that she will be leaving as soon as a replacement can be found, so search will continue.
 - The offices will be closed on Martin Luther King Day, January 20th and on Presidents Day, February 17th, but activities will run as scheduled.
 - B. **Transportation Updates**
 - The St. Mary Mercy Livonia FY2020 funding for \$10,000 was received in support of the Transportation program.
 - Mattson presented the Transportation Program Ridership report for 2019 totaling 3,128 riders in the Curb to Curb program, totaling \$6,584 in fares.

- Two new 13-passenger vans with wheelchair lifts continue to be prepped by SMART to add to the transportation fleet.

C. Recent/Upcoming Events

- The Vinyl Years @ the DSO on 1/17 – 23 participants registered.
- Valentine’s Day Tea on 2/12 – 26 participants registered; quartet scheduled to perform.
- Riverdance at the Fox on 2/22 – 24 registered participants (full).
- AARP Tax Assistance program begins on 2/6; taking reservations.
- Discussed opportunities for upcoming drama and music programs at Northville High School; Mattson reported that she is investigating spring dates; Jaafar will forward information on upcoming choir concerts.

7. Participation Reports:

- Mattson presented an updated Participation Report for 2019; Total Ongoing Activities 28,383 participants (down from 2018 by 5.85%).
- Instructors have been difficult to find for Morning Yoga, Tai Chi and Line Dancing classes; Senior Fit classes – 25 participants; not listed on participation report.
- Grand Experience at the Grand Hotel, Mackinaw Island, dates have been announced as October 6-9, 2020.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Reports:

A. City Liaison Report – Patrick Giesa

- New water meters are in the process of being installed to replace all residential meters that are over 20 years old.
- A new task force for sustainability is being formed with the task of studying the efficiency of the City and with a goal to reach a carbon neutral footprint.
- The Marquis Theatre has been sold after 41 years in downtown Northville to a local developer.

B. Township Liaison Report – Mindy Herrmann

- Advanced Life Support training for all EMS has been completed.
- New Township Manager has been selected; Todd Mutchler.
- Psychiatric hospital property still has buildings to be demolished. Hiking trail on the east end of property has been completed, biking trails will be complete in the spring.

C. School Board Liaison Report – Angela Jaafar

- Citizens Committee to help promote the Sinking Fund Ballot Proposal has been formed.
- NHS Parent Camp for Mental Health Awareness will be held on February 29.

- Night for Northville fundraising event to support teacher grants will be held on Saturday, March 14 by the Northville Educational Foundation; tickets and sponsorships on sale now.
- NHS proudly announced 93 students received National Merit Awards.

D. Chairperson & Commissioner Comments

- Murdock circulated a copy of the “Northville Matters” article highlighting the Senior Advisory Council.
- Giesa asked to be excused from attending the February 20 meeting.
- Murdock, Buckland, Valade and Purtell asked to be excused from the March 19 meeting; they will be out of town.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020

12. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Herrmann and seconded by Lipmyer. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Purtell, Secretary