

CITY OF ROCKVILLE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER
1150 CARNATION DRIVE

January 17, 2019

Members Present: Lynn Wagman, Commissioner; Ann Herbster, Commissioner; Krishna Kumar ; Commissioner; Norma Brailsford; Commissioner

Staff: Alexis D'Angelo; Martha McClelland; Fran Jablonski

Commissioner Ann Herbster opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m with introductions. Krishna Kumar was introduced as a new Commissioner. He said he has been a resident of Rockville for 35 years and is looking forward to serving on the Commission.

Administrative Issues: **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** said she was told she must take a test for reappointment to the Senior Commission and **Commissioner Ann Herbster** and **Alexis D'Angelo** will be checking on whether she, Krishna or any other appointment or reappointment needs to take the test for this Commission. **Jill Cornish** has stepped down from the Chair position, and the Commission voted unanimously for **Commissioner Ann Herbster** to be appointed Chair.

Old Business: **Commissioner Ann Herbster** said she is serving on the Boards and Commissions Task force established by the Mayor and Council to provide recommendations to the Mayor and Council how the Boards should be organized, what they do, and should they still exist? The task force will meet every other week. They will discuss standards for the Boards and what they do, **Steve VanGrack** is the Chair. A survey monkey, a one on one survey, a survey for retired members and one to the public will be going out. She said there are twenty-two openings on Commissions. She said the task force had a meeting on how to recruit new members for the open positions and how to make people aware of the needs of the Commissions. They discussed whether the Mayor and Council should review people and make sure people who serve on Boards are engaged and find out what their goals are. Once the process is established it will go out to the staff liaison to get a feel of what they want to do, why they want to be on a Board and their goals.

New Business: Some of the goals the Commission discussed for 2019 are:

- Change meeting time to 8:30 am
- Age diversity
- Recruitment survey targeting needs and wants
- Visibility-table at Dawson's Market once a month, partner an event with RSI, flyers and signs
- Recruit from the Lincoln Park area
- Advise Mayor and Council of needs of older citizens of Rockville, transportation and housing the main issues
- Provide Seniors with a directory of City services

Commissioner Ann Herbster would like questions and ideas emailed to her by the end of next week and she will consolidate for the Commission.

Committee Reports: **Martha McClelland** reported that she has been working on some difficult cases. Things are not slowing down.

Commissioner Ann Herbster gave the Villages update for **Trish Evans**. She said everything is going well with all of them. King Farm is close to offering services and have two new board members. They are using Senior Connection for training and background checks. Rockville Village Exchange (RAVE) and Twinbrook are close to the last step to be recognized as a charitable organization. Pump House is ready to go. Twinbrook is multigenerational and having a Super Bowl Party. RAVE submitted for a grant, their software platform is coming together. Their first kickoff meeting is at Village Strathmore. RAVE is not confined by Rockville Corporate City limits. They are independent from the City and can go beyond Rockville as they grow and become established. The software package enables you to go online to look up services, arrange scheduling, etc. **Commissioner Krishna Kumar** wrote a one-page report for the Board to review about services.

Liaison Reports: **Rockville Seniors, Inc.:** **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** reported RSI made a profit of \$5,049 on the bazaar. She said there will be a pancake breakfast on March 13 and the Spring Bazaar is on May 4. The next RSI meeting is on February 19. She said Dawson's Market is up and running again and needs support. She said they are

giving Seniors free coffee on Wednesdays and 10% off all day and the food bar goes down to half price. She will be investigating setting up a table at Dawson's top create awareness of senior services and recruitment for Commission. There is a budget of \$250.00 that must be spent by June. **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** made a motion to investigate purchasing a display board for events and name tag for **Commissioner Krishna Kumar**.

Pete Sante Fund: **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** reported that the fund was started for maintenance and goes through RSI.

USM: **Commissioner Ann Herbster** said there is a meeting in Annapolis on March 20 in Annapolis. She said if anyone is interested they could attend and report back to the Commission. **Alexis D'Angelo** said she would reach out to prior **Chair Jill Cornish** and see if she plans to go.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. **Next meeting:** February 21, 2019 at 8:30 a.m..