

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

June 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m. (in person and virtual)

Members Present: Anne Herbster, Chair; Lynn Wagman, Commissioner; Krishna Kumar, Commissioner; Katie Ostrowski, Commissioner; Beryl Feinberg, Mayor and Council Liaison. In person; Elaine Koubek, Commissioner; Alicia Seymour, Commissioner; virtual.

Staff: Sheryl Roff; Fran Jablonski; Andrea Rogers; Trish Evans

Absent: Mike Laux, Commissioner; Norma Brailsford, Commissioner; Jack Sprague, Commissioner

Chair, Anne Herbster started the meeting at 10:00 a.m. She started with well wishes to everyone.

Chair, Anne Herbster asked the Commission if anyone had any changes or comments to add to the minutes from May 20, 2021. There were none. **Krishna Kumar, Commissioner** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. **Lynn Wagman, Commissioner** seconded the motion. All were in favor. After some discussion the Commission agreed not to meet in August.

Trish Evans reported that the Father's Day Cookout event was a success. The Commission was recognized as the sponsor of the event. Next, she went through the list that offers comprehensive information of what we do to connect and that we do have a live body to talk to when they call and strategies of what we are doing to stay in touch. She asked if anyone had any ideas to add to this. The next 60+ Spotlight will be with Jim Resnick regarding smoke detectors and fire protection. There will also be a piece on re-opening the Senior Center and the one after that will be Shelley Foreman talking about transportation services. **Chair, Anne Herbster** said there is a huge gap in the number of seniors this information does not reach. A scroll of services offered runs on Cable 11. **Andrea Rogers** said a flyer listing all the services was printed in five languages and distributed to senior buildings and private homes. **Commissioner, Katie Ostrowski** suggested a box in large print with 60+ on the front page of Rockville Reports **Trish Evans** said she would send a request for that to Cliff Cumber, Public Information Specialist, and copy **Beryl Feinberg, Mayor and Council Liaison**. The doors to the Center opened on Monday with people waiting to come in. The fitness room is very popular. The rentals will start again in July. The newest Village is Town Center. They held an event last night and it was well attended. The youngest was 6 and the oldest was in their 80's. It was held at 911 Park. She said she was very happy with the turnout. Flyers were distributed all over Town Center announcing the event. Aging in place starts in your 30's and continues. A community needs multi-generations to survive. The next event for Town Center will be partnered and held at World of Beer. Twinbrook Village event was held virtually. She said she will be helping with their leadership recruitment and succession plan. East Rockville had an ice cream truck for their event. It was well attended. Twinbrook Village has yard signs with QR code that will give information regarding meetings and other information. She said she would like to hear from West End, Woodley Gardens, and College Gardens.

Andrea Rogers reported that Martha McClelland's last day was on June 1. She said that since opening she has had several appointments. She said each meeting takes about 3 hours, 1 hour to prepare, 1 hour to meet and 1 hour of follow up. She has been very busy. She is working on re-doing bulletin boards throughout the building. She said she is trying to get a soft kick-off of the Hoarding Task Force at 90 Monroe Street. She is trying to see if anyone wants help downsizing before they move to the new building. The Task Force will partner with Code Enforcement and in September Gaithersburg is having a seminar/training all day. HOC is hiring a company to assist with packing and moving 90 Monroe Street to the new building and family members are helping with delicate items.

Beryl Feinberg, Mayor and Council Liaison gave an update. She said there is a WMATA presentation on the Rockville Station study at 6:20 on Monday night. The 20/40 Comprehensive Plan will have work sessions until July 12. The meeting on Monday will be focusing on planning areas Twinbrook, Twinbrook Forest, Rockville Pike, Tower Oaks and Woodmont. July 1 the 20/40 work session will be focusing on West and East End, Woodley Gardens. The work session on July 6 will be focusing on Potomac Woods, Orchard Ridge, Woodley, and College Gardens. The work session on July 12 will be focusing on Rockshire, Fallsgrove, Research, King Farm, Shady Grove, Southlawn, RedGate and then receiving edits from staff. The meeting on the July 19 will be reviewing the entire document to be approved on August 2nd. If it does not get approved will have to go back to the original and start over. This will be the last Mayor and Council meeting before their break. She said there will be an event at RedGate on June 23 to June 26, Live at RedGate. Tickets are free and unlimited and will be scanned. The new Deputy City Manager, Angela Judge started on Monday. They are working on hiring for the new Deputy City Clerk position. The Boards and Commissions Task Force has been pushed off due to the 20/40 Comprehensive Plan. The Community Police Advisory Board has been created and put together a 250-page document. She said the 20/40 Comprehensive Plan must be the focus due to the State of Maryland's deadline.

The Commission decided to take a summer break and not have a meeting in July. They next meeting will be on August 19. They also

decided to have a virtual meeting in, September 2 weeks before the Mayor and Council meeting presenting the annual report.

Liaison/groups:

RSI: Nothing reported.

Pete Sante Fund: Nothing reported.

United Seniors of Maryland (USM) Forum: Nothing reported.

Chair, Anne Herbster thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. **Next meeting:** August 19, 2021 – **Virtual**