



CITY OF RENO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE and WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Draft Minutes of Joint Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2017

The joint meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) and the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board (WCSSAB) was held in the Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Donna Clontz at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: **WCSSAB:** Dr. Larry Weiss, Gary Whitfield, Connie McMullen, Marsy Kupfersmith, Sandra Dexter, Barbara Korosa, Wayne Alexander, Dennis Chin, Garth Elliott, Donna Clontz, Stanley Ann Dowdy.

City of Reno SCAC: Donna Clontz, Wendy Boszak, Vanessa Dixon, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Marsy Kupfersmith, Linda Musselman, Mac Rossi

City of Sparks: Council Member Donald Abbott

Members Absent: **WCSSAB:** Ken Romeo

City of Reno SCAC: CJ Bawden, Robert Mulvana

Staff Present: **WCSSAB:** Angela Owings, Washoe County Senior Services, Leslie Admirand, Washoe County Deputy District Attorney, Sandra Vasquez,

City of Reno SCAC: Andy Bass, Director, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS), Leslie Smith, Darryl Feemster, PRCS Manager of Youth and Senior Services

Staff Absent: **WCSSAB:** Ken Retterath, Division Director, Washoe County Adult and Senior Services

2. Public Comment

None

3. Member Announcements

SCAC Member Boszak announced that Women of Washoe (WOW) is having Jane Gruner speak on Senior Legislative Action on Monday, April 10, 2017.

SCAC Chair Clontz shared that she attended a presentation by Washoe County on the results of a study they commissioned on improving health within the County and the surrounding areas.

WCSSAB Member Chin announced that people should be aware that the federal government's proposed new budget has plans to eliminate the Meals on Wheels program funding.

4. Approval of Agenda: April 6, 2017 (For Possible Action)

WCSSAB MEMBER CHIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY WCSSAB MEMBER ELLIOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) WCSSAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

SCAC MEMBER BOSZAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY SCAC MEMBER MUSSELMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of Minutes: January 4, 2017 (For Possible Action)

WCSSAB MEMBER CHIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY WCSSAB MEMBER KUPFERSMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) WCSSAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

SCAC MEMBER DOWDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY SCAC MEMBER BOSZAK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Presentation regarding senior transportation issues such as access to transportation and what is currently available for seniors in Reno and Washoe County – David Jickling, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC); Amy DeWitt Smith, Sierra Nevada Transportation Coalition (SNTC); Kent Asselin, Access to Healthcare

David Jickling, RTC, gave a presentation on various RTC programs and services such as RTC Ride, RTC Access and RTC Travel Training. He talked about cost-effective partnerships with other transportation groups and answered questions regarding senior transportation issues.

Amy DeWitt Smith, SNTC, gave a presentation on the history of the SNTC and their transportation programs.

Kent Asselin, Access to Healthcare Network, gave a presentation on the history of Access to Healthcare and their transportation programs.

Each of the presenters answered questions regarding senior transportation programs and senior concerns.

There was discussion regarding a portion of the Sun Valley Route 5 bus line that was taken away. It was asked when it might be restored. Unfortunately, 20% of RTC services were cut during the recession. They are looking at areas where service may be restored.

It was suggested that an educational workshop be held for seniors on RTC's federal funding for senior transportation.

Representatives from the offices of Senator Heller and Senator Cortez Masto were present and discussed the efforts to move affordable housing back within the McCarran ring and how that effort would help address public transportation issues.

There was discussion regarding some of the available transportation programs and services offered including: volunteer ride program, training for volunteer drivers, and training for riders; as well as data on number of riders, transportation budgets, insurance, and available transportation passes and booklets.

7. Business (For Possible Action):

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding senior transportation issues, including identification of issues, possible solutions to the access issues, and what can be done to meet the needs of seniors in the future (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

The suggestion for an educational workshop for seniors regarding federal funding for transportation was further discussed.

SCAC Chair Clontz asked for a show of hands by those who would be interested in a workshop concerning senior issues at the federal level and she stated that there was consensus to plan it in the next few months.

WCSSAB MEMBER CHIN MADE A MOTION FOR THE WCSSAB AND THE SCAC TO WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A WORKSHOP AIMED AT LEARNING ABOUT FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AND HOW NEVADA COULD TAP INTO THAT FOR SENIORS, SECONDED BY WCSSAB MEMBER ALEXANDER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) WCSSAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

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Katie Pace, from Senator Heller's office, shared an idea that perhaps the Congressional Research Service could gather information on the types of funding that may be available. It is a large undertaking because funding for transportation comes from various sources.

WCSSAB Member Chin requested information on what data was used in the presentation regarding where seniors are located in Washoe County. Chair Clontz said it will be looked into and it will be brought to a future meeting.

- b. Discussion and possible action to educate seniors to help advocate for senior issues with policymakers including identification of important senior bills that are being considered, and possible approval of dates for future advocacy activities and workshops (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Connie McMullen of Senior Spectrum reported on the status of several bills she is tracking that may be of interest to seniors. She explained the process and timeline for approval of Assembly bills and Senate bills

- c. Discussion, planning and possible action in connection with the Community Workshop to be held on April 13, 2017, at Reno High School with regard to affordable housing, attendance at future meetings of Operation Downtown, and to come to a consensus for both SCAC and WCSSAB as to joint projects, priorities and time line (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

SCAC Chair Clontz stated that flyers were distributed to everyone with information regarding the April 13, 2017, community information session. She also stated that Operation Downtown is also working on affordable housing and homelessness issues and the members will be notified of any of their upcoming meetings.

- d. Discussion and possible approval of joint projects such as Older Americans Month, Stuff-A-Bus for Seniors, co-sponsorship of seminars on affordable housing and financial security, transportation and other topics (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

SCAC Chair Clontz distributed copies of a list of all of the activities being planned for Older Americans Month in May. There are about 70 activities and she asked that each member be prepared to help out with four or five of these events to host and hand out raffle tickets to seniors attending the events. Most of the sponsors for Stuff-A-Bus have been confirmed. Barrels will be distributed to locations throughout the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County.

8. Washoe County Staff Report – Ken Retterath, Division Director, Washoe County Social Services

Angela Owings of Washoe County Senior Services attended the meeting in place of Ken Retterath. He asked her to let the group know that Washoe County is interested in supporting Older Americans Month and is willing to help where needed.

9. City of Reno Staff Report – Andy Bass, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Darryl Feemster distributed copies of the Senior Connect publication that is created monthly by the City of Reno Senior Services Division. The publication is used to publicize events in the community that are sponsored by the Senior Services Division.

Director Bass discussed the goal to sell 1,000 City of Reno specialized license plates. The funds from those sales will go directly to the City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

10. Agenda items for the next Joint Board meeting in July 2017 (For Possible Action)

Agenda items will include: discussion of the federal transportation issue workshop; report on Older Americans Month and Stuff-A-Bus activities; legislative update; and the presentation topic will be Senior Safety.

11. Public Comment

SCAC Member Rossi announced the Ward 5 NAB meeting will be next Tuesday at City Hall in the Council Chamber.

SCAC Member Kupfersmith announced an education talk by Sheriff Allen on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, about senior fraud and senior scams.

12. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

WCSSAB MEMBER ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:08 P.M., SECONDED BY WCSSAB MEMBER ALEXANDER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) WCSSAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

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