

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

DRAFT JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

The joint meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) and the Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board (WCHSASAB) 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 SCAC Chair Donna Clontz at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: **WCHSASAB:** Dr. Larry Weiss, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Sandra Dexter, Wayne Alexander, Marsy Kupfersmith (via phone), Donna Clontz, Garth Elliott, Sarah Deardorff (*present at ~3:44 p.m.*), Rick Sorenson (*present at ~3:44 p.m.*)

City of Reno SCAC: Donna Clontz, Vanessa Dixon, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Wendy Boszak, Barbara Deavers, Mac Rossi, Robert Mulvana, Linda Musselman

Members Absent: **WCHSASAB:** Barbara Korosa

City of Reno SCAC: None

Staff Present: **WCHSASAB:** Steve McBride, Division Director, WCHSA;
Sandra Vasquez, Office Assistant

City of Reno SCAC: Dan Massey, Manager, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS), Senior Division; Leslie Smith, Administrative Secretary

2. Public Comment

Steve Hughes discussed the music program at the Washoe County Senior Center in Reno on 9th Street and asked about how to be included in the schedule to perform. He pursued the matter at the Senior Center since there is no policy in place and has requested that a policy be created so that it is made clear on who decides who is allowed to perform.

Lynne Barker, City of Reno, discussed the City of Reno's designation as an age-friendly community. She also discussed the UNR Community-Based Research program.

John Melrose, Interim Director for Sierra Senior Services, shared information about the services they provide, which include Meals on Wheels in Truckee as well as services to Incline Village, Washoe County.

3. Member Announcements

Chair Clontz announced that last month was National Senior Center month.

4. Approval of Agenda: October 3, 2018 (For Possible Action)

MEMBER ROSSI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER MUSSELMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER ALEXANDER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) WCHSASAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2018 (For Possible Action)

MEMBER DOWDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY MEMBER DIXON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER SORENSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY MEMBER ELLIOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) WCHSASAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Presentations:

- a. Discussion and possible recommendations on Seniors Eating Well project - Michael Escobar, Bilingual Nutrition Educator, Food Bank of Northern Nevada (For Possible Action)

Mr. Escobar gave a presentation on the Seniors Eating Well project and answered questions regarding the project classes and other programs.

- b. Discussion, update and possible recommendations for future senior bike-share project - Lynne Barker, City of Reno, Sustainability Manger (For Possible Action)

Ms. Barker discussed bike-share discounts for seniors and ideas for how to take advantage of the grant program provided by AARP.

Some of the ideas included: benches in parks; bike riding lessons provided by Lime; guided bike rides for seniors; helmet donations; and bike racks.

(Members Deardorff and Sorenson present at ~3:44 p.m.)

- c. Discussion, update and possible recommendations on Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) campus and implications for Washoe County seniors - Steve McBride, Division Director, Washoe County Human Services Agency (For Possible Action)

Mr. McBride gave a presentation on NNAMHS and answered questions regarding various aspects of the program including: security; program structure; percentage of the population served; and solutions for the region rather than individual jurisdictions.

It was suggested that a future agenda item include information on eligibility guidelines for the Daybreak program.

7. Business:

- a. Update, discussion and possible recommendations for Older Americans Month 2019 (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Chair Clontz discussed Older Americans Month and asked for volunteers to serve on a planning committee to generate ideas. The following members volunteered: Sorenson; Deardorff; Weiss; Alexander; Deavers; Clontz; and Kupfersmith.

- b. Update, discussion and possible recommendations on Stuff-A-Bus for Seniors 2019 (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss, Donna Clontz, and Chris Ciarlo, Community Outreach Coordinator

(Member Elliott left the meeting at ~4:22 p.m.)

Chair Clontz discussed the Stuff-A-Bus event and asked for volunteers to meet before the end of the year. The following members volunteered: Deardorff; Deavers; Sorenson; Boszak; Clontz; and Elliott.

Chair Weiss asked staff to report back on what the best donations were and what items are needed more for the next event.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding legislation and advocacy for senior issues with policymakers, including identification of issues and dates for future advocacy training and workshops (For Possible Action) – Larry Weis and Donna Clontz

Chair Clontz stated that Senior Day at the Legislature has been organized for February 22. We are working with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) on ways to transport people to the legislature on that day.

Member Kupfersmith discussed including affordable senior housing as part of Senior Day at the Legislature this year.

- d. Report, discussion and possible recommendations regarding age-friendly communities sponsored by AARP (“American Association of Retired Persons”) throughout Washoe County, Reno and Sparks (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Chair Clontz gave a brief presentation on AARP grant opportunities. Ideas were shared about suggested projects. AARP requested that the focus be on transportation, fixing outside spaces, and housing issues. The projects would have to be started and completed within two or three months. This is a grant with narrowly defined objectives.

Mr. Massey shared the idea of revitalizing the community garden and resurfacing the parking lot at Paradise Park to make it easier to access.

Chair Clontz discussed the need for shelters over the bus stops at locations used by seniors such as senior centers and recreation centers. Chair Clontz and Elaine Wiseman will attend the AARP National Conference in November in North Carolina.

Chair Weiss discussed the need to get Washoe County and the City of Sparks to approve the age friendly livable community as well.

- e. Reports, updates and possible recommendations on advisory board and committee members’ shared issues and goals worksheet for Housing, Advocacy, Communication, Data Planning, Transportation, Food, Social and Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteers, Financing and Social and Health Services (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

There were no changes made to the worksheet. It was noted that it is important for everybody to advocate for seniors to vote this year.

- f. Report, discussion and possible recommendation on the designation of a City of Sparks ex officio member to the Reno SCAC and the formation of a City of Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (For Possible Action) - Marsy Kupfersmith and Donald Abbott

Councilman Abbott reported on the formation of the City of Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and stated they are taking applications until November. When that committee is up and running, he wants the first project to be looking into the AARP age-friendly livable communities.

Member Kupfersmith stated that she thinks Councilman Abbott should be the City of Sparks ex officio member to the Reno SCAC.

8. Washoe County Human Services Agency Staff Report - Update and discussion on staff and program moves, senior programs, RTC Senior Transportation grant, issues and activities – Steve McBride, Division Director, Washoe County Human Services Agency

Director McBride discussed staff program relocations. All of the senior case workers have been relocated back on site at the Senior Center on 9th Street. Nutrition eligibility is now at the 9th Street location as well. Other adult eligibility was moved to South Center Street. Director McBride also discussed a grant receive from RTC for three vehicles to provide transportation for seniors. They are currently working on the plan implementation and hope to launch in November/December.

Director McBride confirmed for Chair Weiss that they do not have space available to provide full-time office space for volunteers at the 9th Street location.

9. City of Reno PRCS Senior Division Staff Report – Update and discussion on senior fees, Beanbag Baseball Senior Showdown, current senior programs, issues and activities - Dan Massey, Manager, PRCS Senior Division, City of Reno

Mr. Massey reported that the recent senior facility fee increases have been changed back to the 2017/18 levels. The bean bag baseball tournament will be October 29-31. Senior Shuffle Showdown will be November 14-16.

10. Agenda items for the next Joint Board meeting in January 2019 (For Possible Action)

Future agenda items will include: recurring items under agenda item 7 and a presentation on the new veterans building.

11. Public Comment

Raynell Holtz recognized Sandra Vasquez's recent birthday.

Chair Weiss announced that Commissioner Margaret Reinhardt has resigned from the Washoe County Board of Commissioners. There are currently openings on the Board.

Member Dowdy shared that on November 9th there will be a dedication of the Nevada Veteran's Memorial in Carson City.

Chair Clontz shared that there will be a Veteran's Day Parade for seniors held in Reno on Veteran's Day.

12. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

MEMBER DEARDORFF MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:06 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER ALEXANDER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) WCHSASAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER ROSSI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:06 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER DIXON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.