

Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Friday, April 2, 2021 8:00am – 9:30am

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. **Attending:** Commissioner Gary Tompkins (Homer Township, MI), Bob Lyng (Marshall Township, MI), Michelle Hill (Emmett Township, MI), Willie Tabb (Davenport, FL), Tom Hunsdorfer (Albion, MI), Diane Peters (Marshall, MI), Richard Lindsey (Marshall Township, MI), Commissioner Jake Smith (Battle Creek, MI), Jim Powers (Marshall Township, MI), Yvonne Chapman (East Leroy, MI), Jill Booth (8:17am, Houston, TX, left at 9am), Art Kale (Village of Homer, 9:09am)
- b. **One open SMAC position with the resignation of Teresa Schell.**

2. Consent: Agenda and Approval of March 5, 2021 Minutes

- a. Motion to accept agenda and minutes – **Powers & Lindsey: Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried, 9-0 with three excused.**

3. Introductions and Citizen's Comments

- a. **Staff:** Manager Helen Guzzo (Clarion, PA), Specialist Kate Turner (Marshall, MI)
- b. **Introductions:** Kitty Knoll, Coordinator, Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center; Council Member Lenn Reid, Albion City Council; Julie Allen, SMAC applicant; Dominic Oo, SMAC applicant; Cliff Harris, Walk the Beat Albion; Kelli Scott, Administrator/Controller, Calhoun County; Diane Erwin, SMAC applicant; Jen Bomba, Community Development Director, Calhoun County; Susan VanderWeide, Program Manager, Senior Health Partners; Lucy Blair, Communications Manager, Calhoun County; Laura Ferrara, CEO, Senior Care Partners PACE

4. Presentations and Selection of a new SMAC Member:

Teresa Schell resigned her seat in February as she has taken a new job in Ann Arbor and will be moving shortly. She was originally recruited by Joanne Konkle, who was a mentor to Teresa when she began her nursing career at the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility. Prospective member presentations were given by Dominic Oo, Julie Allen, and Diane Erwin. **Motion to recommend Dominic Oo to the Board of Commission for approval at the May 6, 2021 meeting – Lindsey & Peters: Motion & Second. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried, 11-0 with one excused.**

5. Reports

a. Budget & Manager's Reports

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While decreased spending in 2020, because of programs being closed for the COVID response, resulted in nearly half a million dollars going into the fund balance, Manager Helen Guzzo does not expect the same trend in 2021. The senior centers and Marian Burch Adult Day Care remain close but will hopefully reopen this summer. Guzzo will advise Adult Day Care to overenroll when they do reopen to spend the full contract amount.

\$75,000 of the 2021 budget is not obligated due to not receiving any bids in response to the RFP for Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center operations (\$50,000) , and the Senior Health Partners (\$25,000) partnership dissolving. Minor Home Repair does not currently have a waitlist but might by summertime and this could be a potential use of those unobligated dollars.

b. Celebrating Calhoun County Centenarians 2021

Specialist Kate Turner reported that 35 centenarians have been identified thus far, and advertising to find new centenarians will run through the month of April in the local papers and Facebook. If there is someone specific you would like to interview, please let Turner know. Interviews will hopefully take place in-person during April and May, culminating in a summer social media campaign and a traveling storytelling display through the end of the year.

c. Heritage Commons Senior Center Steering Committee

SMAC member Diane Peters shares that the committee is still waiting to receive cost estimates so they can figure out fundraising goals and the capital campaign committee can activate. Brief discussion on the Marshall United Methodist Church serving as an interim option while the renovation takes place, as that will likely take a few months or longer.

6. New Business

a. Mini-Grant: City of Albion, Holland Park Pavilion - \$5,000

Manager Helen Guzzo recommends funding this request to finish the project that SMAC had already contributed \$5,000 towards in 2019. Albion City Council Member Lenn Reid presented that the project is nearing completion, the pavilion just needs to be installed and furnished. Albion College will cover the cost of installation, and the YMCA is planning to use this space as an exercise class site. The park is across the street from the Forks Senior Center, so there is the possibility of programming as things start to reopen. The remaining costs are for picnic tables, fire pits, and handicap-accessible features. **Motion & Second: Tabb & Lindsey. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 11-0 with one excused.**

b. Mini-Grant: Walk the Beat, Music for Albion Farmers Market - \$5,000

Manager Helen Guzzo recommends funding this request in the amount of \$2,500. Discussion had on the high percentage of seniors that turn out for the concerts, and the desire to see a concert at the new Holland Park pavilion once it is installed. **Motion to grant request in the full**

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amount of \$5,000 – Motion & Second: Tabb & Lindsey. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 11-0 with one excused.

c. Form a Senior Strategic Projects RFP Review Subcommittee

Tom Hunsdorfer, Jim Powers, Bob Lyng, Yvonne Chapman, Gary Tompkins. **Motion & Second: Lindsey & Powers. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 11-0 with one excused.**

d. Form a Joanne Konkle Leadership Award(s) Selection Subcommittee

Willie Tabb, Michelle Hill, Art Kale. **Motion & Second: Lyng & Lindsey. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried 11-0 with one excused.**

7. Next SMAC Meeting: Friday, May 7, 2021, 8am-9:30am

Format is TBD, please watch for information from Manager Helen Guzzo as the meeting date draws closer. SMAC will mirror what the Board of Commissioners is doing, so it could be another Zoom meeting, or it could be an in-person meeting, possibly in the basement conference room at the Toeller Building in Battle Creek.

8. Upcoming Events:

a. 2nd Round of Senior Strategic Projects RFP due, April 14, 2021

b. Thursday, April 22, 8:30am, Calhoun Professionals in Aging Network,

***Resilience and New Tools for Mental Health*, Summit Pointe, Jeannie Goodrich & Meghan Taft**

c. Senior Strategic Project Down Listing of Proposals, Wednesday, April 21

d. Senior Strategic Projects Presentations, April 28, and April 29

9. Adjourned at 9:39am

Respectfully submitted, Kate Turner

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