

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Senior Citizens Advisory Commission  
August 19, 2021  
12:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission was held Thursday, August 19, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present appearing telephonically and in person:

Marleyne Hunter (Arrived 12:13 p.m.)	Barbara Sevier
Denise Daniello	Michele Rosser
Karen Wood	Goldie Southwood, Vice-Chairperson

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk  
Nicole Horn, Recreation Program Coordinator

Vice-Chair Southwood asked for unanimous consent to introduce at this time the item of elections. There was no dissent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Wood nominated Denise Daniello as Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Ms. Daniello accepted the nomination and was elected through unanimous consent.

Vice-Chair Southwood nominated Karen Wood as the Vice-Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Ms. Wood accepted the nomination and was elected through unanimous consent.

**MESSAGES**

1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

**MESSAGES - continued**

1.b. Citizen’s Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

NONE

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

ROSSER, moved to approve the agenda and consent  
Seconded by SEVIER agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses: Wood, Rosser, Sevier, Daniello,  
Southwood

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 0 Noes

*Clerk’s Note: Ms. Marleyne Hunter did not arrive until after this vote was cast.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. \*Senior Citizens Advisory Commission minutes of February 20, 2020.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

**REPORTS**

Ms. Nicole Horn, Recreation Program Coordinator, discussed the programs offered at the Fairbanks Senior Center. Ms. Horn expressed hope the COVID-19 positivity rate numbers start coming down. Ms. Rosser asked Ms. Horn some specific questions about the times and locations of the Zoom exercise programs. Ms. Daniello also asked about attendance and times of the Zoom exercise program.

Ms. Daniello also asked about the advertisement efforts to inform local seniors of the programs. Ms. Horn stated she was going to double-check where fliers are being distributed and thanked Ms. Daniello for her suggestion that they be sent to senior housing facilities.

## **REPORTS - continued**

Ms. Rosser asked about the possibility of exercise classes being held at the Carlson Center and whether they would be mask free. Ms. Horn provided some clarification and said she would look into the idea of holding an exercise class at the Carlson Center. Ms. Rosser emphasized the need for face-to-face social interaction for seniors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review and discussion of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission's responsibilities.

Vice-Chair Southwood read out the description of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission's responsibilities as they are in code. Ms. Daniello wondered about the geographical makeup of the commission.

The commission checked that everyone was receiving the e-mails sent by the clerks. Ms. Daniello asked that the commission review the 2019 Senior Assessment in a future meeting to identify potential issues. Some issues that were brought up for future discussion include senior housing and transportation.

A future survey was also discussed.

Ms. Rosser has reached out to the mayor of Sioux Falls to inquire about their SAM (Sioux Area Metro) on Demand program, but has not received a response. Other outreach ideas were also brought up by Ms. Rosser.

Ms. Southwood agreed that another survey was a good idea. Ms. Rosser suggested a community meeting held at the Carlson Center. Ms. Rosser requested this topic be added to a future agenda.

The future survey was further discussed. This included adding the survey to community newsletters.

The Van Tran Service was discussed.

Ms. Rosser and Ms. Daniello spoke about forming a two-person committee to develop a survey.

The commission had a question about the borough's role as a second-class borough and how it relates to the housing issue. The question was referred to the Borough Clerk.

There was further discussion of housing shortages and the commission's role.

## **NEW BUSINESS - continued**

The city's formation of a senior citizen committee called the Senior Needs Committee was discussed and the news announcement was read aloud by Ms. Rosser.

## **EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

There being a scheduling conflict the commission came to agreement that the next Senior Citizens Advisory Commission meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Daniello thanked the commission for their confidence in her as Chair.

Ms. Rosser looks forward to accomplishing things with the commission.

Ms. Wood reflected on those who served on the commission in the past and their legacy.

Ms. Southwood thanked Ms. Daniello for accepting the position as Chair of the commission and said that she would like more people to be on the commission.

The clerk reminded the commission of the Open Meeting Act's regulations regarding a quorum and noticing meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.