

Derby Commission on the Elderly  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 6, 2019

The meeting of the Derby Commission on the Elderly was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Shirley Erickson, Chair, at the Derby Senior Center.

Present: Members Shirley Erickson, Elizabeth Lally, Virginia Costigan, Michael McFarland, Joan Shaw, and Ron Sill. Interim Director Susan Churchill also attended.

Absent: Jennifer Desroches

There were no members of the public present.

Andrew Baklik , Chief of Staff for Mayor Richard Dziekan, attended to address concerns of the Commission. Upon voiced concerns about the Senior Center Money Market account, Mr. Baklik assured the Commission that Sal Coppola is researching the status of this account and he will follow up with Mr. Coppola. It is understood by the Commission that the account is to be used for Senior Center member trips. Written records have not been found.

Mr. Baklik also addressed the following points:

1. Any new security system would go out for bid before purchase.
2. For the foreseeable future, the Senior Center will remain where it is presently located. Some remedies may be applied now, such as the installation of new toilets, an upgraded phone system, replacement ceiling tiles where necessary, and lights which shut off automatically.
3. Perhaps the money market funds can be used to purchase a van for the Senior Center since the present van is in disrepair. The van would be used for senior trips, thereby meeting the criteria for the use of the funds.
4. Perhaps a RING system can be used to enhance security.

Ms. Lally brought up issues regarding security, elevator operation and sewer malfunctions. Mr. Baklik said these issues require aldermanic decisions. Mr. Sill suggested that the Executive Board of the Senior Center will need to come up with a list of needs pertinent to the building. Mrs. Erickson brought forth issues concerning the parking garage. Mr. Baklik indicated that garage repair will be ultra expensive.

Ms. Lally escorted Mr. Baklik on a tour of the building.

The City of Derby is looking at consolidating insurances on its buildings. In the future, all city phones will be routed through City Hall.

Mr. Baklik was thanked for attending the meeting and for his gracious manner in working with the Commission. He then exited the meeting.

Mrs. Erickson asked questions regarding the defibrillators in the building as where they are located and who is trained to use them. Ms. Churchill reported that there is one defibrillator on each floor and that she and one maintenance employee are trained in their use. Brackets are needed to hang the defibrillators Ms Erickson will request these from Ms Patti Finn. Ms Churchill will look into training of more people in defibrillator use to be done by The Storm Engine Company.

Ms Shaw asked if the Newsletter could be emailed to members. Ms Churchill will survey the members.

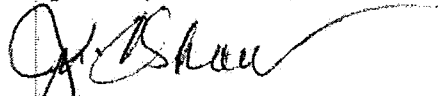
Ms. Churchill will use approximately \$400 from the checking account to purchase a television for the Senior Center.

Ms. Lally would like to see the total employee hours at the Senior Center remain as they are now.

Mr. McFarland moved to accept the Interim Director's report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sill and passed unanimously

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Sill, seconded by Mr. McFarland. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted,



Joan C. Shaw  
Secretary

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