

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION OCTOBER 3, 2019

MEETING of the **OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION** held at the Older Persons' Activity Center, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan, 48307.

CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, October 3, 2019, Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bikson at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5) Stuart Bikson, William Jandeska, Jim Kubicina, Micheline Sommers,
Lucy Strand

Absent: 3) Mike Bailey, John (Jack) Dalton, Stephanie Morita

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Renee Cortright, Older Persons' Commission Executive Director
Tim Soave, Older Persons' Commission Director of Finance

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

E.D. Cortright asked for a revision to Number 8b. to read, "Open Carry of a Firearm MCL 123.1102."

MOTION by Strand, supported by Kubicina, **Resolved**, to approve the proposed revision to the Agenda.

Aye: 5) Bikson, Jandeska, Kubicina, Sommers, Strand

Nay: 0)

Absent: 3) Bailey, Dalton, Morita

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

MISSION MOMENT

E.D. Cortright reported on a couple of active OPC members: A 90 year old gentleman celebrated his birthday at OPC by playing five pickleball games, and a lady, who is an avid OPC bridge player, recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2019, MINUTES

MOTION by Strand, supported by Kubicina, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2019, meeting as presented.

Aye: 5) Bikson, Jandeska, Kubicina, Sommers, Strand

Nay: 0)

Absent: 3) Bailey, Dalton, Morita

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of the 2021 Millage Renewal on the August 2020 Ballot

Chairman Bikson stated, the Finance Committee met several times to review the proposed millage rates, and their recommendation is .32 mills. E.D. Cortright stated that the operating millage has not been increased since it was passed 37 years ago. In fact, it

has been reduced, due to the Headlee Amendment, to between .23 to .24 mills, but the number of seniors that the OPC serves has increased, and is projected to increase even more between now and 2030. In 2016, we were conservative, with the transportation millage rate increase from .09 to .10, a one-tenth increase. We soon found out that we didn't ask enough, and now \$300,000 comes out of our General Fund for this program, and we continue to see an increase in transportation requests each day. E.D. Cortright advised that the Governing Board's decision will affect the future of OPC for 10 years.

Chairman Bikson stated, the Committee heard Administration's request and recommends .32.

MOTION by Kubicina, supported by Strand, **Resolved**, to approve the recommendation for the 2021 Millage Renewal at .32 mills, to be placed on the August 2020 Ballot.

Aye: 5) Bikson, Jandeska, Kubicina, Sommers, Strand

Nay: 0)

Absent: 3) Bailey, Dalton, Morita

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Colleen Burtka, Marketing & Development Specialist Introduction

Chairman Bikson welcomed, and E.D. Cortright introduced Colleen Burtka, the new Marketing & Development Specialist, who started in September. Ms. Burtka stated that she is pleased to be a part of the organization.

Open Carry of a Firearm MCL 123.1102

Janice Singles, a Rochester Hills resident, stated she emailed the Board regarding weapons in the building. She handed out information on firearm regulations for the Board to consider.

Chairman Bikson read excerpts from the Opinion Letter from Robert Davis, Attorney, regarding Open Carry of a Firearm MCL 123.1102, dated October 2, 2019.

Page 2 – First Paragraph:

“The OPC is subject to the limitations set forth in MCL 123.1102. The OPC cannot institute or adopt any rule or regulations which infringe upon the rights of individuals to open carry in Michigan.”

Page 5 – Last Paragraph:

IV. Conclusions

“As stated above, MCL 123.1102 clearly states that a local unit of government shall not impose special taxation on, enact or enforce any ordinance or regulation pertaining to, or regulate in any other manner the ownership, registration, purchase, sale, transfer, transportation, or possession of pistols, other firearms. The OPC, in my opinion, is subject to this rule. The OPC cannot institute its own regulations on the open carry of firearms at its premises.”

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- The 50+ Expo, on October 2, had 80+ vendors in attendance, 130 people in attendance for Dr. Kahn, and raised \$27,250 for Meals on Wheels. The event was made possible through the generous Presenting Sponsorship of American House Senior Living, Rutkowski Law Firm, Shelton Buick GMC and Pixley Funeral Homes. Shuttle Sponsor – Blossom Ridge, and Speaker Sponsor for Dr. Joel Kahn was Pomeroy Living. Silver Sponsors included, Henry Ford Health Center, Metro Vein Center, Visiting Angels, MI Ophthalmology and New Life Medical.
- The Apple Pie Sale sold out 1,200 pies at the OPC drive-thru, raising \$9,000 in support of Meals on Wheels. Thanks to the staff, volunteers, and box sponsor, Chief Financial Credit Union, for another successful fund raiser / friend raiser event.
- Senior Day at the Park was a big success, with 500+ members in attendance. The day included a 9/11 Tribute, entertainment and a formal program recognizing Dianne Bubnar for her 22 years of commitment to OPC, with an official crowning of her as the “Queen of the Senior Picnic.”
- The 2020-2022 Budget was accepted by the Rochester Hills City Council, on September 23, 2019.
- The Scrapbooking Fundraiser had over 60 participants, raising \$3,200 for the AOK home repair program for low income seniors.
- The OPC is hosting the Rochester Chamber Candidates & Issue Forum on Friday, October 18, from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., in the Auditorium.
- Over the next two weekends, weather permitting, the parking lots and driveways will have cracks filled, sealcoating and striping.
- OPC was the recipient of a Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Fund Grant. It will provide an Adult Fitness Park, at OPC, and will be installed next week.
- Upcoming events at OPC:
 - An Evening with the Boogie Woogie Kid, October 10
 - The Rewired not Retired, “How to Start Your Own Business,” October 16
 - 650 Players “Tribute to the Stars,” October 29 – 31, November 1 & 3
 - Sinatra Anthology with Paul Venditti & Band, November 6

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

- **Treasurer's Report** – Chairman Bikson reported that the Committee met several times to discuss the millage proposal.
MOTION by Strand, supported by Kubicina, **Resolved**, to accept the Financial Statements for August, 2019, as presented.

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Aye: 5) Bikson, Jandeska, Kubicina, Sommers, Strand
Nay: 0)
Absent: 3) Bailey, Dalton, Morita

MOTION CARRIED

Facility Committee – no report

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Secretary Strand advised E.D. Cortright to keep on doing what she is doing.
- Commissioner Kubicina stated that the Senior Picnic was a nice event, but missed seeing Commissioner Bailey's car. He wanted it on record that he still wants to see it.
- Chairman Bikson congratulated Dianne Bubnar on being the "Queen of the Picnic," and stated, she has been a great friend of the Board.
- Vice-Chairman Sommers welcomed Colleen Burtka, and thanked her for joining the team.

E.D. Cortright stated that McGrath Human Resources Group met with the Personnel Committee and the staff, and gave an overview of the Compensation Study. They will give a presentation to the full Board at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bikson adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, AT 5:00 P.M.

Signed & Approved 11/07/19

LUCY STRAND, SECRETARY
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