

Senior Resources Commission  
Dickinson Hall  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 9, 2017**  
**\*Amended\***

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Steven Potsic opened the meeting at 1:03pm

2. **Roll Call:**

**Commission Members**

Steven Potsic-Chair **P**

Jim Blanda **P** (*left meeting early, 2:35 pm*)

Mary Jo Davis **P**

Mark Dillon **P** (*left meeting early, 2:35pm*)

Sally Kelly **P**

Kathleen Ottensmeyer **P**

Tom Sullivan **P**

**City Council Liaison**

Prue Beidler **A**

**Staff**

Sally Swarthout, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry **A**

Jill Becker, Senior Resources Manager **P**

Janet Fryer, Senior Advocate **P**

Tricia Schwall, Program Manager **P**

Tara Purtell, Administrative Assistant **P**

Note: **P**=Present **A**=Absent

3. **Approval of Minutes** of Regular Meeting of January 12, 2017

***Motion***

*Sullivan moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2017.*

*Kelly seconded.*

*Commission approved.*

4. **Opportunities for citizens to address the Senior Resources Commission on non-agenda items:** No citizens present

**5. Announcements**

- a. Potsic reported that the Senior Citizens Foundation has two new members: Mark Dillon and Marge Burda. Mark Dillon has also been nominated for Treasurer beginning in May.

**6. Lake Bluff Survey update**

- a. Potsic updated the Commission on the status of the Lake Bluff survey, it will now be a unified survey which will include the village, park district and school district.
- b. A discussion of the future Lake Forest survey using the web based surveymonkey.com took place. The survey should explore interests, satisfaction, and senior need questions. The consensus of the Senior Recourses Commission is for Manager Jill Becker to further discuss the survey direction with Director Sally Swarthout.

**7. Dickinson Hall Transportation**

**i. Online Survey and Paratransit interview questions for dialogue**

Becker will take transportation survey and will do an interview on March 10, 2017 of Lake County Paratransit Market Study. Potsic stated that the SRC should have a 3 step vision of transportation

- 1. SRC needs clearer sense of transportation opportunities for the community (Education)
- 2. What are the unmet needs of the community regarding transportation (Need)
- 3. Decide what are the actions that need to be recommended for transportation in the community (Recommendation)

A discussion of the interview questions took place by the commission.

**ii. Summation of Transportation services offered through Dickinson Hall**

Transportation options through Dickinson Hall were discussed including the explanation of Dickinson Hall transportation using volunteer drivers. Currently there are 8 volunteer drivers and 13 total are needed in order to better serve the community. Advertising in the Dialogue and on Dickinson Hall's Facebook page will be done in order to generate more volunteers.

Current issues for the Dickinson Hall transportation program include: Capacity and limitations of not currently going outside of the geographic area of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

**iii. Transportation options in our area not coordinated by Dickinson Hall**

Becker reported on her findings of other local transportation options which include: Catholic Charities, West Deerfield, Going Places, Moraine Township, American Cancer Society, Shields Township, and the newly expanded services of Faith in Action.

A discussion took place and Potsic encouraged Commission members to think about what may be the unmet needs regarding transportation and what recommendations might need to be made in order to improve services to seniors.

**8. Manager's Report**

Deferred agenda item due to time constraints until next SRC Meeting

**9. Review of the Scholarship Fund by Senior Advocate, Janet Fryer**

Deferred agenda item due to time constraints until next SRC Meeting

**10. Recommendations for SRC reappointments**

Potsic stated that three current members of the SRC have their 2 year term coming to an end April 30, 2017. Those members are: Mary Jo Davis, Tom Sullivan, and Steven Potsic.

***Motion***

*Blanda moved that The Senior Resource Commission recommend to the City Mayor and Village President, as appropriate, that Mary Jo Davis, Tom Sullivan and Steve Potsic whose terms expire April 30, 2017 receive additional 2 year terms effective from May 1, 2017-April 30, 2019. Dillon seconded.*

*Commission approved: Unanimous*

***Motion***

*Sullivan moved that The Senior Resource Commission recommend to the City Mayor that Steven Potsic whose term as Chair expires on April 30, 2017 receive another 2 year term as Chair effective from May 1, 2017-April 30, 2019. Ottensmeyer seconded.*

*Commission Voted Yes: Jim Blanda, Mary Jo Davis, Mark Dillon, Sally Kelly, Kathleen Ottensmeyer, and Tom Sullivan. Abstain: Steve Potsic*

**11. Comments by Commission members**

- a. Ottensmeyer stated that due to the length of the conversation about the Transportation options it shows the importance of the program

**12. Next Meeting: May 11, 2017 at 1:00pm**

**13. Motion to adjourn: 2:59 pm Kelly moved to adjourn. Davis seconded. Commission approved.**

Submitted by: Tara J. Purtell