

Senior Resources Commission  
Dickinson Hall  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 14, 2017**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Steven Potsic opened the meeting at 1:04pm

2. **Roll Call:**

**Commission Members**

Steven Potsic-Chair **P**

Jim Blanda **P**

Mary Jo Davis **P**

Mark Dillon **A**

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**

**Others**

Three (3) citizens in attendance

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

3. **Approval of Minutes** of Regular Meeting of July 13, 2017

***Motion***

*Ottensmeyer moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2017.*

*Blanda seconded.*

*Commission approved.*

4. **Opportunities for citizens to address the Senior Resources Commission on non-agenda items:** Ms. Abel addressed the SRC with a question of how many seniors there are

currently in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest over the age of 65 and how many of those seniors are senior orphans (no family, no spouse).

Potsic answered with 4,700 seniors according to the census and of those 1,000 are DH members. Potsic responded that he was unsure of Part 2 of the question but felt it was more so a lack of support from family members or a disconnect, rather than "orphan". Potsic explained that Faith in Action serves District 115 and serves the needs of the person rather than looking at boundaries.

5. **Announcements:** None
6. **Membership Fees:** No increase in fees per Becker. Please see attached memo regarding membership fees.

***Motion***

*Davis moved that the SRC supports no increase in membership fees for the new fiscal year May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019 based off Becker's memo written September 8, 2017. Blanda seconded.*

*Commission approved.*

**7. Volunteer Driver Update: Janet Fryer**

Fryer explained generally what the volunteer program is and the purpose of the program. She then gave a summary of the program from 7/1/16-6/30/17. Attached is the full Volunteer Driver Summary.

- Currently 9 volunteer drivers
- 5 of the volunteer drivers provided 81% of the rides
- 2 of the volunteer drivers provide 41% of the rides
- 29 people used the volunteer driver program in the year stated above (16 one time users)
- 7 of the people also use the Senior Car service
- 11 people are core users
- 2 were completely new users in the time frame stated above
- 3 people will discontinue service (moved and/or using FIA)

Transportation details and options available are listed in the Newsbrief under the Social Service heading

**8. Scholarship Update: Janet Fryer**

Fryer gave a general explanation of what the Special Guest/Scholarship Fund is and the purpose of the program. Her update included:

- 16 people were invited to the program
- 14 people have enrolled into the program
- 3 have used money in the program (\$255)
- 1 has spent all money (\$150)

***Motion***

*Sullivan moved that the SRC supports the Senior Resources Manager Becker to exercise discretion to allow individuals to use an increased Scholarship Fund amount beyond the limit of \$150 on a case by case basis. Blanda seconded.*

*Commission approved.*

**9. Lake Bluff Survey Update: Steve Potsic**

Potsic gave an update on the Lake Bluff survey saying the questions that will be used will be the exact questions that the SRC submitted to them; however he has not heard of how the survey will be distributed at this point. The SRC had made it clear to LB that the preference was by mail for survey distribution.

**10. Manager's Report**

Becker shared that the Frank Sinatra Beach Party event from September 8 was a huge success with 110 people that had signed up. Please see attached for full Manager's Report.

- I. Membership Updates
  - FY 18 renewals currently at 814 members
  - Renewal reminder calls from volunteer and member Jim Bauer will take place the week of September 25th
- II. Shields Township \$10,000 check for support of Senior Advocate position
  - a. The SRC sent a letter to thank Shields Township for this support check for the support of the Senior Advocate position
- III. FY17 Budget Update
  - a. Potsic reported that the Family Service of Lake County fiscal year is from July 1- June 30. In January the grant request from Family Services will collect more information specific on benefits and make it a more formal process for funding. The file will now have a formal step with a data report on how the money is used

**11. Incentives for Membership: Steve Potsic**

Potsic explained that Roger Mohr would like the Senior Resources Commission to think about if a member invites a guest to a program the guest of that member would be free.

The SRC discussed this topic at length and the SRC encourages the Senior Resource Manager to look at and discuss events and services that could be less of an impact financially but could make an impact for guests to attend for free of charge when brought with by a member for the first time.

**12. Comments by Commission members**

No comments given

**13. Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 9, at 1:00pm

**14. Motion to adjourn: 2:55 pm Kelly moved to adjourn. Blanda seconded. Commission approved.**

Submitted by: Tara J. Purtell