

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, January 17, 2014

Attendance: Debbie Bock, Ann Gilmore Orin, Nancy Girardot, Diane Pavan, Victoria Stavlas, Councilman Dwight Clark, Penny Dolski, Ellen Screwvalla

Guests: None

Absent: Dave Britton, Scott Pohlkamp, Polly Clemo

- I. **Minutes:** The minutes of the October 2014 meeting were approved as written.
- II. Announcements – Georgeanne Vartolla has moved out of Bay Village and relinquished her seat on the board. Polly Clemo has been unable to attend meetings leaving us with two, possibly three openings. Persons with an interest in becoming a board member should forward their resume to the mayor. The Dwyer Center, along with other city buildings experienced frozen pipes during the recent arctic blast and trouble with two out of the three furnaces that heat the center. All has been restored at this point and the center was able to function and stay open throughout the process. Debbie happily stated that the family of Mary Weiland pledged to donate \$20,000 to the Community Services Department to be utilized as the director and assistant director saw fit.
- III. Audience Comments – none
- IV. Department updates:
 - a. **Community Services**
 - i. **Partnership with NASA and the VA** – Debbie stated that the federal government was looking to provide some form of community service and met with the Westshore Senior Center Directors on 1/13 to discuss what the community needs were. They have tentatively decided to create cleaning/personal hygiene product drive in the late spring with distribution to senior centers early summer. Each senior center would then distribute these products to low income seniors.
 - ii. **Board of Health- Bed Bugs.** Debbie reported that there have been incidents of bed bugs in Bay Village. A concern is the potential of spreading through the senior transportation program and through the ambulances if either transports residents with bed bugs. The Board of Health is making a presentation at City Hall on February 5 at 11:00. The department is exploring options to keep the vehicles and passengers bug free.
 - b. **Senior Center**
 - i. **Soup Cook Off-** Debbie stated that the Cook Off will be held on Jan. 31st and that all tickets must be purchased in advanced. The event has become so popular that it is too difficult to accommodate walk-ins.

ii. Facility- lighting, painting, storage etc- Debbie described the work that has been completed during the last year. Lights are being installed over the wood floor area in the back of the center. Money has been requested in the budget to paint both large activity rooms and increase the size of the storage area in the southeast corner. Upgrades are still needed to soundproof the divider between the rooms.

iii. Ann's Report- Ann reported that the walking group is slowly but surely taking off. Hikes have been planned and coordinated with Bev Walburn and some wonderful things have been planned for this spring. The fashion group has enjoyed presentations and Ann stated she would like to continue the momentum of the group by taking a shopping trip to Beachwood, and having a fashion show, and learning scarf tying. Other new activities- trips to Lakeview Cemetery, history classes etc. She is always looking for interesting new speakers and programs. Dwight Clark suggested the recycling facility as a potential trip.

V. Old Business

Victoria mentioned that she was very pleased with the senior center Christmas tree displayed and the Kiwanis Holiday gathering. Those that were present commented on what a wonderful event that was and pictures were shared. It is the hope of the group that Santa will return next year for this event!

VI. New Business-

Election of Officers- Diane Pavan was unanimously re-elected Chairperson for 2014 Election of a Chairperson- the board elected Diane Pavan for another term as chairperson.

VII. Council Update

- Dwight stated that the inauguration was held at the Dwyer Center on January 1st. The mayor and 6 council persons were inaugurated including 2 new councilman, Paul Vincent and Tom Henderson.
- Scott Thomas has been appointed as the new Service Director since Dan Galli resigned at the end of the year. Mark Spaetzel was appointed as Police Chief, and Renee Mahoney has been working as the Finance Director for a year now. Change is good- and these are all great appointments.
- Council is working on the budget. All five labor contracts have been finalized and are valid through 2015, and the healthcare plan for employees has been revised. While the estate tax has been lost as a source of revenue, Dwight was still optimistic about balancing the budget.
- The aerial Cahoon Project has been completed- the city working on eliminating overflows mandated by the EPA. The Bradley-Nagle Projects has been completed. We are looking at a big budget for capital improvements including repaving roads that need it.
- Funding should be in place for a new vehicle for community services- \$60,000 for a new 14 passenger bus and \$25,000 for Dwyer improvements- painting etc. as discussed earlier.

- Dwight is confident that the budget will be balanced again without raising taxes. They are looking at a potential increase in cable fees
- The city is being charged more money (\$900,000) for water due to an increase in flow from 18%-24%.
- Dwight concluded by stating that Bay Village continues to be strong, very lean in its operating, and housing remains incredibly strong along with the schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Meeting dates for 2013 will be April 11th, July 18th, and Oct 17. All meetings to be held at the Bay Lodge and start at 9:00 am!