

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, October 21, 2011

Attendance: Debbie Bock, Ann Gilmore Orin, Diane Pavan, Dave Britton, Penny Dolski, Nancy Girardot, , Mary Munn, Ellen Screwvala, George Ryan, Councilman Dave Tadych

Guests: None

Absent: Victoria Stavlas, Ellen Screwvala

I. **Minutes:** The minutes of the July 2011 meeting were approved as written.

II. Announcements – None at this time.

III. Audience Comments – none at this time.

IV. Department updates:

a. Community Services

i. Leaf Raking- Community Services Director Bock reported that the Middle School will have the Great Leaf Rake Out probably in early November and that Boy Scouts and the Men's Club were all looking for names and addresses of people to rake leaves and perform fall yard clean-up. Everyone was encouraged to call if they have neighbors that would benefit from this service.

ii. Holiday Caring and Sharing- Debbie stated that applications for holiday assistance had already been mailed to residents who are known to qualify for programs this year. Several applications have already been completed and returned. Traditionally there are many families that are last minute add-ons, but due to the generosity of Bay Village residents, the program usually works out well.

b. Senior Center

i. Holiday Activities- Debbie stated that many of the individual groups meeting at the senior center are planning their holiday activities. The Holiday Open House will be on December 12, the children from the Westerly school will sing.

ii. Volunteer Recognition- Debbie reported that the recognition event has been delayed once again. It is now going to be rescheduled in January.

V. Old Business

- **Cleveland State Study-** Debbie reported that the results from the study are expected early December which will coincide with finalizing the city's budget. She has had requests for information and clarification on a few items.

VI. New Business

- **Regionalization Discussion-** Debbie initiated a discussion regarding regionalization, asking the board to think about how community and

senior services might be provided with a regionalized approach. The board discussed many ideas and preliminarily came to the following conclusions:

- The three most urgent needs for senior are transportation, nutrition, isolation (socialization)
- While a regionalized transportation program exists for Cuyahoga County, Bay Village- lying on the outskirts of the county, would not benefit from that program the way cities lying inward benefit. We are the “end of the line” for the county cut off. It would make more sense for us to partner with some of the communities lying further west- Avon Lake, Avon as many of the medical facilities our residents use are out that direction instead of east.
- It would make the most sense, to consolidate trips to specific facilities like the VA, Metro , UH and Cleveland Clinic main branches with a regional program, but keeping local driving to Heinens, banks etc more local.
- Meals on Wheels would be a great starting point for regionalizing services. Each of the west side suburbs provides home delivered meals, yet each one has a different provider for the meals, and method of intake and delivery.
- Isolation and subsequently the activities senior centers provide to ease the loneliness and need for interaction is something that has started regionalizing on its own. For years, seniors have traveled to different centers to participate in activities that they enjoy. One of the barriers identified was how do you take a center like Rocky River where they are funded through a bond issue and integrate that with the surrounding centers that are not funded that way? Getting “buy-in” from all the communities becomes crucial- like the experience with the central dispatch, there may a be a community or two that desire to opt out- and you may get some communities outside of the county who desire to participate in this region. You need to define the region which may not be just the county.

VII. Council Update

- Councilman Tadych stated that council will be working on the budget and looking for ways to reduce expenses. The city will lose a significant amount of money from the state which will impact overall revenue. Adjustments must be made to balance the budget. Council and the administration are working together to achieve a balanced budget.
- The board members discussed whether quarterly meetings were sufficient or whether the board should meet monthly or every other month. It was decided that the board would continue to meet quarterly with special meetings called as necessary. Councilman Tadych will initiate changes to the city ordinance to reflect this decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Meeting dates for 2012 will be January 20, April 20, July 20, and Oct 19.