

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting
Minutes for February 27, 2017

The North Little Rock Senior Citizens Commission met on February 27, 2017 at the Hays Center. Chairman Dick Blankenkemper called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Eddie Powell was absent. Marleene Calvin made a motion to excuse Mr. Powell's absence and the motion was seconded by Virginia Raum. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dick Giddings and seconded by Murry Witcher to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017. Ms. Calvin pointed out that her first name was misspelled in the minutes. Noting the correction, the motion passed unanimously.

Financial reports were distributed with the board packet. Charley Baxter reported that the agency is off to a good start. A notable item on the financial report was an error in line 1750 (Municipal League) where the City finance department accidentally entered the wrong amount for the Hays Center. Dick Giddings made a motion to accept the financial report, Murry Witcher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Baxter summarized a request from the Master Gardeners' group to use a room for their meeting at a reduced rate. It would be an annual event. The Gardeners are instrumental in the upkeep of the foliage around the center and work in the flower beds two Wednesdays per month 9 months out of the year. Murry Witcher made a motion to allow the group to use a room free of charge on an annual basis. Marleene Calvin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baxter announced the availability of the tickets for the annual Woman's Club Carousel Ball to be held April 17 at the Hays Center. The price of a table of 8 is \$500.00. Murry Witcher made a motion to purchase a table, Dick Giddings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Program Update: The commissioners received a written program update from Mr. Baxter dated February 27, 2017. Mr. Baxter supplemented the report with the following discussion:

- 1) Drapes in the video exercise room need to be replaced. The estimate for replacement with non-motorized blinds is approximately \$2300.
- 2) Multiple systems in the ballroom need repairing or replacing, including the light dimming system, video projection, and drapes.
- 3) The buses #4 and #5 have been sold

Other Business:

Dr. Louise Baltimore attended the meeting to voice opposition to the suspension of Ms. Delores Bryant from "the bus." There was an incident during a volley ball game away from the center involving Ms. Bryant, the game official, a Hays Center employee and someone from another agency. Mr. Baxter left the meeting to confer with staff about the matter. It appears Ms. Bryant was suspended by someone not associated with the Center.

Mr. Witcher announced he would not be at the next meeting.

Executive Session: At 3:30 p.m., Chairman Blankenkemper called for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter related to the executive director's retirement. The regular meeting reconvened at 3:50 pm. The Chairman reported that the board discussed Mr. Baxter's retirement but made no decisions in session. Murry Witcher made a motion to adjourn, Marleene Calvin seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3: 52 p.m.

Belinda Snow, Secretary