



Minutes of the Goal Setting Meeting of the Winters Senior Commission on Aging
Main Street, Winters
Aug 31, 2021

Chairman Glenn Ripley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Commission members Boyer, Lowden, Ripley, Sandoval, Pearce,
VanDyke, Vice-Chairman Whitworth
Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Kathleen Trepá

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Ripley asked the commission to review and approve the proposed agenda.
Vice-Chairman Whitworth moved to approve. Commissioner Lowden seconded.

AYES: Commission members Boyer, Sandoval, Pearce, Ripley, VanDyke
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. None

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Ripley reviewed ground rules for the meeting, and the Commission reviewed characteristics of an effective commission, which were presented at the New Commissioner Training on Aug. 25, 2021.

Next, the Commissioners reviewed and discussed each element of the Commission Charter, established via Winters Resolution No. 2019-19, adopted April 2, 2019.

1. Advise on grants and proposals – City Manager Trepá said the city doesn't have the staff to review every grant or foundation funding opportunity so the Commission could act as a force multiplier. Commission members can review and bring forward possible grant opportunities and city staff can determine if those opportunities align with policy and budget. The Commission may decide to collaborate with city staff to write, secure and administer grants.
2. Define unmet needs – the Commission will work to define unmet needs of Winters senior citizens and identify ways to meet the needs, including via community surveys.
3. Improved standards of service- the Commission will explore new standards of service for senior citizens.
4. Senior Center Operation – the Commission may act in an advisory capacity on who oversees the Senior Center for day-to-day operation. City Manager Trepá noted that while the charter states that a task force will be formed for the Senior Center, that doesn't need to be taken literally. There is space and latitude for future discussion.
5. Current inventory of services – The Commission has made good progress on this by completing the Senior Resource Guide, which will be ready for distribution soon.
6. Disseminate information: The Senior Resource Guide is relevant to this element as well.
7. Monitor legislation- While the City does not currently have an advocacy platform, this is something the Commission may choose to take on in a similar fashion to providing advice on grants and proposals.
8. Coordinate programs and resources – Commission members agreed that they should not be only focused on the Senior Center, but on other issues including safety, health, sidewalks, communication amongst senior groups and should take an inclusive and holistic approach to the work.

Commission members discussed the roles and history of the different senior groups in Winters and the need to celebrate and support one another, not compete with one another. Members also discussed ways to reach out to and work with the Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee and Winters Community Corazon, especially regarding programs at the Senior Center.

They also discussed the desire for an assisted living facility in Winters.

The Commission reviewed 2020-2021 accomplishments, including subcommittees established for Senior Center programs and equipment, Senior Resource Guide development – to be published in Spanish and English.

City Manager Trepá will add the Senior Commission on Aging to the Sept. 21, 2021 City Council agenda, where Chairman Ripley will present a report accomplishment and goals.

She said it could be established as an annual check in and joint meeting with the City Council to ensure alignment and communication.

Next, individual Commission members shared their vision for the commission and its activities. These included:

- Commission cohesion
- Collaboration among all three Senior organizations
- SNAP program promotion
- Safety
- Senior activities
- Shared Commission values
- Improved communication
- Focus on issues including Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation for Older Adults
- Joint youth and senior programs

City Manager Trepa gave an update on Senior Center – the \$4.2 million grant funds for construction must be expended in three years. City staff are working to ensure the final design and construction takes place within that three-year timeframe.

Commissioners will continue the discussion and set goals and objectives for the coming year at the next regular meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY:

The next regular meeting of the Winters Senior Commission on Aging will be held via teleconference Sept. 8, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended at 7:08 pm

Dawn Van Dyke

Dawn Van Dyke, Secretary