



# OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD SYNOPSIS

CITY OF NOVI

Council Conference Room | Novi Civic Center

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0414

**1. Attending:**

Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Janet Censoni, Cecilia Gallagher, Salene Riggins (PRCS Commissioner), and Matt Lazell  
Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator)  
Madison Lachance (OAS Recreation Supervisor)  
Kit Kieser (OAS Manager)

**2. Past and upcoming programs, events report-out**

Coordinator Fisher provided updates on social services programs: AARP Tax Aide, TEFAP annual eligibility update and site visit, Estate Planning Basics, Financial Crimes, AARP DriverTek and Smart Driver programs, Cutting the Cord, the Memorial Day parade, and more.

Supervisor Lachance provided updates on recreation activities and opportunities: new BINGO board, the Travel Fair and new travel opportunities, Mackinac Island Grand Experience, Euchre tournament, Decade Dance, MSU Tollgate Hoedown, Happy Trails hiking group, and Fuerst Field of Honor, to name a few.

**3. Transportation update (Kieser)**

Manager Kieser provided an update on the status of the transition between Novi Senior Transportation and People's Express (PEX). She shared FAQs with the members to prepare them for questions from residents, should they receive them. With the help of the Community Relations department, OAS will deploy communication regarding the transition to both riders directly and all residents in Novi. The target date for handoff of senior transportation operations to PEX is July 1. Staff anticipate that the City Council will decide on possible rider subsidies on April 22.

**4. Older Adult Needs Committee update (Kieser)**

Manager Kieser gave an update on recent agenda items and discussions that have taken place with the Older Adult Needs Committee. The two main topics were the Committee's ongoing discussion of future advocacy for older adults in Novi and possible rider subsidies after PEX has assumed Novi Senior Transportation operations. The Committee voted unanimously on April 15, 2024, to recommend that City Council vote to subsidize medical rides through People's Express for residents age 55+ and for any individual with a limiting disability who cannot drive beginning July 1, 2024.

**5. PRCS Master Plan 2025 – FlashVote (Kieser)**

Manager Kieser shared with the group that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department creates a Master Plan every 5 years. The next Plan will go into effect in 2025 and PRCS staff will work on a new plan throughout 2024. Two important parts of the process will include resident input sessions and resident surveys. Surveys will be conducted through Flash Vote. Manager Kieser provided OAAB members with informational postcards with instructions on how residents can sign up for FlashVote.

6. **Roundtable discussion**  
No further discussion

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**2024 OAAB Meeting Dates:**

Meetings will be at 6pm in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise specified.

June 18

August 20

October 15

December 17