

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE
CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, January 29, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Member Casey called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Member Casey, Council Member Smith, Council Member Thomas, Kathy Crawford, Kim Nice, Debbie Wrobel
ABSENT: Member Dooley

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Muck, PRCS Director, Kit Kieser, OAS Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

OAN 24-01-03 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Thomas; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda.

Voice vote on OAN 24-01-03 Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None
Absent: Dooley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

OAN 24-01-04 Moved by Nice, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the January 8, 2024, meeting minutes.

Voice vote on OAN 24-01-04 Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None
Absent: Dooley

REMARKS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: None

MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

1. Updates on Communication

This matter was tabled until a future meeting.

2. Housing & Aging in Place

Barb McBeth, City Planner, spoke to the committee regarding Community Development's role in Senior Housing. She outlined ordinances that have been established to set standards that depend on different zoning districts. The Master Plan has been undergoing an update since 2022 and includes an evaluation of the current housing conditions in the City and provides recommendations moving forward. The final draft will soon be presented before the Steering Committee. Planner McBeth spoke about the current housing market in Novi and the "missing middle" which includes medium density, smaller units, smaller lots, walkable spaces. Moving forward, what can be done to fill the gaps? Modifications could be

considered to the ordinance to allow opportunities for aging in place Accessory Dwelling Units or allowing additions to existing homes for “granny flats”. Incentives could be provided to developers to include a certain percentage of workforce housing. Her final slide stated “What could be done? Identify specific areas in the City that will be in proximity to healthcare and other services, shopping, and recreational facilities for developing senior living facilities to enable the population of Novi to age in place.”

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Member Crawford gave kudos to the Parks staff for the program/calendar of senior activities that she found at the library.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Transcribed by Melissa Morris, Deputy City Clerk

Date approved: February 12, 2024