

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE  
CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M.**

**Member Casey called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.**

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

\*Member Nice arrived after roll call was taken

**ALSO PRESENT:** Victor Cardenas, City Manager; Jeff Muck, PRCS Director; Kit Kieser, OAS Manager

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**OAN 23-09-33           Moved by Crawford, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Agenda.**

**Voice vote on OAN 23-09-33                               Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel**  
**Nays: None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**OAN 23-09-34           Moved by Thomas, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the September 18, 2023, meeting minutes.**

**Voice vote on OAN 23-09-34                               Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel**  
**Nays: None**

**REMARKS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:** None

**MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

**1. Collaboration on Presentation.**

The committee worked together to edit a draft of the presentation that will be given to City Council during an upcoming meeting. Member Casey shared her slides on a projector so both committee and audience members could see the information. Several items were discussed including adding data sources and other resources. They talked about how to best share the changing population of the Older Adult community. A large portion of the presentation will be crafted after the committee's October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting during which Scott, the facilitator of the recent focus groups, will discuss his findings. Another item of importance was to clarify the committee's stance on the future of the OAS transportation service as related to utilizing WOTA, People's Express or SMART to provide expanded services. The cost to taxpayers and riders was discussed. The option of moving to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider could

open the availability of OAS vehicles for daytime and evening recreation programming. Having reached the end of the draft, the discussion was closed and will continue at the next meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Matt Lazelle came in with a fresh set of eyes. He expressed concern over adding transportation services, and wanted to know how residents would know who to contact for various types of rides. Would they have to call multiple services, or would it be centralized? He was also concerned about the fact that the transportation millage funds were being taken out of residents' taxes and they were also going to be charging a fee for rides. Member Casey clarified that it would be up to City Council to decide how to use some of those funds to subsidize the cost or how to best use those funds to keep costs minimal or free for the users.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.



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Transcribed by Melissa Morris, Deputy City Clerk

Date approved: October 2, 2023