

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE
CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Member Casey called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kit Kieser, OAS Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

OAN 23-10-37 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Dooley; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda.

**Voice vote on OAN 23-10-37 Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Dooley,
Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

OAN 23-10-38 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Smoth; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the October 2, 2023, meeting minutes.

**Voice vote on OAN 23-10-38 Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Dooley,
Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None**

REMARKS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Member Casey noted that the current meeting was the last scheduled meeting for the committee. The committee decided to schedule meetings in November for Tuesday the 14th and Monday, the 27th. December meetings and into 2024 will be decided at a later scheduled meeting. She then opened the discussion to recap the Committee Presentation that had been given at the City Council meeting on October 9th.

MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

1. Recap of Committee Presentation

Member Dooley said the presentation was incredible and exceeded his expectations. He thought it resonated well with the community and Council members.

One of the points presented to Council involved Transportation and encouraging the use of a third-party service to offset some of the medical rides the City's service currently provides. The members wanted to make sure that the Council understands that this additional service would be covered with existing funding, it would not fall

back on the participants to cover these costs. With residents already paying into the transportation millage, they did not expect them to pay more on top of that rate.

2. **Discuss next steps for Survey**

Member Casey opened the Survey discussion by saying that the committee should start by identifying what information they wanted to gather, then look at how it should be gathered.

Member Crawford stressed again her hesitancy over asking residents their opinion of developing a Senior Center or Community Center. Since Novi hasn't had a dedicated Senior Center in such a long time, she worries that people might not understand what it could be. Member Casey asked the committee what we would need in order to define what a senior center is or could be? Some of the ideas to research and items to ask within a survey included:

- A. Quantify the type and amount of space needed
- B. What is included in a Senior Center?
- C. What funding is needed?
- D. Include a brief outline of what is currently offered for Seniors
- E. Retirement plans – Stay and age in place or move
- F. Appropriate housing – perhaps survey realtors to identify trends
- G. Expectation of activities

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Transcribed by Melissa Morris, Deputy City Clerk

Date approved: November____, 2023