

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE  
CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Casey called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**       Kit Kieser, OAS Manager

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**OAN 24-06-21       Moved by Crawford, seconded by Wrobel; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Agenda as amended.**

**Voice vote on OAN 24-06-21                       Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel**  
**Nays: None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**OAN 24-06-22       Moved by Nice, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the April 29, 2024, meeting minutes.**

**Voice vote on OAN 24-06-22                       Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel**  
**Nays: None**

**REMARKS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:**

Mayor Pro Tem Casey said that she had asked Mayor Fischer to hold a space during the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the OAN committee to deliver its final presentation. The Community Relations team would be helping with the final “finessing”, so the final draft needed to be completed by July 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee scheduled additional meetings for Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> as well as Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Older Adult Services Manager Kieser presented a document from the National Recreation and Parks Association titled "Supporting Older Adults Through Parks & Recreation" as well as a memo to Council sharing this document with them.

**MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

**1. Continuation of Future Advocacy Recommendation**

Mayor Pro Tem Casey began by reviewing the Charter for the Older Adult Advisory Board. She the shared with the committee resolutions from local County boards, including the

Oakland County Senior Advisory Council and the Macomb County Older Adult Advisory Committee. The committee discussed similarities between these groups and discussed how they could change the scope of Novi's Older Adult Advisory Board to better fit the needs of the 55+ community and the recommendations of the OAN committee.

## **2. Continuation of Final Committee Report Preparation**

The committee then reviewed the recent draft of the final report. There were several new additions including charts to support the data being presented.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: None**

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Farah Baig, a Novi resident, offered details about a publication from Health and Human Services regarding aging. She also mentioned an upcoming event that she thought the committee members might be interested in attending. For the presentation, she urged the committee to include outreach to unpaid caregivers as part of the advocacy section. Finally, she encouraged the committee to drop the word "Senior" from Senior Center and choose a different word to make the center more inclusive.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

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Transcribed by Melissa Morris, Deputy City Clerk

Date approved: June 12th, 2024