



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD SYNOPSIS

CITY OF NOVI

ELECTRONIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0400

1. Welcome – Introductions:

In Attendance: Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Mary Storch, Neha Kiru, Janet Censoni, and Cecilia Gallagher
Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator,) Jessica Mistak (Recreation Supervisor), Jeff Muck (PRCS Director)

2. Meadowbrook Commons Update (Ginny Hallam- Community Manager)

Ms. Hallam gave an overview of staffing, guest sign-in procedures, restrictions on visitors due to Covid, the opening of community rooms, details of the sundry shop, current vaccine status and upcoming spring programs.

3. Special Outreach Services (SOS) program (Muck/Mistak)

Updates were given on the Special Outreach Services Program initiative. City staff has taken these actions:

- incorporated accessibility and sensory features into renovations beginning soon at Ella Mae Power Park.
- Reviewed data analytics to identify areas in the City with a higher concentration of seniors and those with special needs to increase outreach and deliver support services and resources.
- Researched ways to expand the Senior Transportation Program to include partnerships with ride-share and delivery services. Discussed the Go Go Grandparent program. Moving forward with graphic wraps for all OAS vehicles.
- Brought back Judy Klein from layoff to assist with the outreach efforts and personally connect with those who may need - but normally not ask for - assistance. She is in third week of calls and has been making referrals to transportation and social services programs.
- Resource guide on OAS oriented City services to be mailed to all households. Messages crafter towards caregivers and relatives as well as those 55+

4. Ella Mae Power Park Inclusive Design Playground (Muck)

The Board reviewed the plans for the new playground. Discussed features and viewed a video of the We-Go-Swing in action. Commented favorably on the design and features and expressed excitement to see this brought to Novi.

5. Programs and Social Services Update (Fisher)

Updates were provided on the Loan Closet, Tax prep program, National Volunteer Appreciation week, referrals from the SOS calls, summer health programs through Ascension and on planned fitness classes coming to Lakeshore Park

6. Outdoor Exercise Stations (Muck)

Discussion was held on the design and location of a potential fitness park/playground for adults in Novi. The Board discussed the design and use of the

one currently located at Meadowbrook Commons. Options included placement in an existing neighborhood park such as Brookfarm Park. The Board felt this was better suited for a more active park that already had established facilities. Wildlife Woods and Rotary Park were mentioned as preferred options.

7. Roundtable:

Board member comments focused on the number of projects and services that were being provided while still in the pandemic. Expressed hope for potential in person meetings in the future.

8. ADJOURNMENT 7:20pm

2021 Meeting Dates:

June 15

August 17

October 19

December 21