

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY ELDER AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Held December 11th, 2023, 3:00pm at Lake Mary Senior Center, 911 Wallace Court, Lake Mary, FL.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:01pm.

2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (Minimum 4 Present Required)

Members Present

Pamela Bussey
Marjorie Smith
Catharine Williams
Stephen Saker
Rocky Graves
Minaz Manekia

Members Absent

Helen Burns

Quorum was reached.

Also in attendance was Jill Semento, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Natalie Swain, Recreation Manager; Katie Carew, Special Events Manager; Michelle Yielding, Lake Mary Police Department; and Torri Walker, Lake Mary Fire Department.

3. Approval of Minutes of 8/14/23 and 11/13/23 Meeting

Edits submitted by Marjorie Smith, which were completed by Ms. Swain during the meeting. Motion to approve made by Marjorie Smith, seconded by Stephen Saker.

4. Citizen Participation

No citizen participation.

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Lake Mary Senior Center Update

Ms. Swain reported that the Senior Center currently has 515 members. Ms. Swain reported there will be a new art class starting in January, the second Thursday of every month. The Senior Center Holiday Party will be December 21st, 9am-11am.

7. LMPD Update

Michelle collected toys for Toy Drive, which was very successful. LMPD took 32 children Christmas shopping with Shop with a Cop, each child had \$150 dollars to spend.

8. LMFD Update

Torri will come to the Senior Center Holiday Brunch with Holiday Safety/Fire Safety information. LMFD started the Santa Parade this past weekend and they are preparing for Run with a Hero on February 3rd, 2024. Minaz suggested that members of the Elder Commission participate together in the event. She stated that she might be able to get t-shirts for the Commission to wear; a discussion about branding ensued. Ms. Semento stated that the logo should not be an issue.

9. Old Business

- A. Ms. Semento attended the meeting in order to discuss the budget/funding of the Senior Center and explained that the Commission does not have a budget. The Senior Center has its own budget that comes through the General Fund. Any funds raised through City events (i.e., Shred A Thon) goes back into the General Fund, then gets dispersed annually and gets voted on by Commission. All funds from City events are specifically tagged saying where it came from. Ms. Semento explained that budget planning starts in March and told the Commission to identify areas where any of our departments that attend the meetings can better the senior community and suggest budget line items appropriately. Catharine suggested discussing these areas/suggestions in February, to have them submitted in time for budget planning in March.
- B. Marjorie requested an Elder Commission banner/tablecloth when the Commission is present at the Farmers' Market or other events – Ms. Semento said if we cannot locate one, we can order one.

10. New Business

- A. Senior Center Holiday Party December 21st – Pam and Marjorie will be there. Michelle is unable to attend due to training.
- B. Ms. Carew will attend the Rotary meeting on January 11th to discuss Shred A Thon.
- C. January 13th and 20th were discussed as the two Saturdays for EAC to be at the Lake Mary Farmers Market for Shred A Thon. Ms. Carew confirmed that the tables would be set up. Catharine said she could do the 13th, Pam and Stephen said they could do the 20th.

11. Member Reports and Announcements

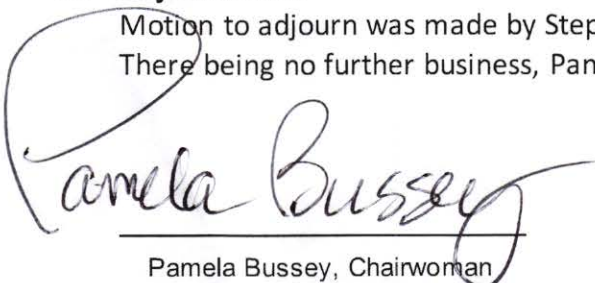
No member reports or announcements.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting: 1/8/2024

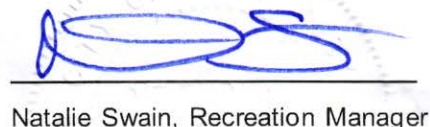
13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Stephen Saker and seconded by Rocky Graves.

There being no further business, Pamela Bussey adjourned the meeting at 3:47pm.



Pamela Bussey, Chairwoman



Natalie Swain, Recreation Manager