

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

Member Casey called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Cardenas, Interim City Manager, Jeff Muck, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Muck asked to add a third presentation to the agenda to give an update on the Older Adult Manager hiring process.

OAN 23-06-15 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda.

Voice vote on OAN 23-06-15 Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None
Absent: Dooley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

OAN 23-06-16 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the May 15, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Voice vote on OAN 23-06-16 Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None
Absent: Dooley

REMARKS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Member Casey gave a brief outline of the committee's upcoming meetings which will meet on June 12th and June 26th.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Committee took a walking tour of the Police Department led by Commander Gruendwald. If a new Public Safety building were to be approved and built, it has been discussed that the space could possibly be converted into a Senior Center or Community Center. The tour would help the Committee have a better understanding of the building and it's potential for improvements if the need arises.

Following the tour, Sandy Fisher, the City's Social Services Coordinator, spoke about the Older Adult Services (OAS) department. OAS partners with agencies for most of their programming, such as the Area Agency on Aging, AARP, and Meals on Wheels. In the

partnership with Meals on Wheels, more than 300,000 meals have been served to Novi residents since 2011. The OAS team also operated a DME loan closet, from which residents and family members are able to borrow durable medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, or shower chairs. This closet allows for over 1000 items to be borrowed for free each year. AARP offers Tax Aide and helped over 460 Seniors prepare their taxes last year.

Member Casey asked what was on the OAS wish list right now, or if she could do the work of three people, what would she do? Sandy replied that she wanted to be able to do more for long term residents that needed help with home maintenance or lawn care. She receives countless calls from older adults looking for referrals to complete home repairs, tree maintenance, or just someone to mow their lawn.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Transcribed by Melissa Morris, Deputy City Clerk

Date approved: June 12, 2023