

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE
CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, April 10, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Member Casey called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Casey, Council Member Smith, Council Member Thomas, Kathy Crawford, Debbie Wrobel.
Absent (excused): Jay Dooley, Kim Nice

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Muck, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

OAN 23-04-07 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice vote on OAN 23-04-07 **Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Wrobel**
Nays: None
Absent: Dooley, Nice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

OAN 23-04-08 Moved by Smith, seconded by Thomas; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Voice vote on OAN 23-04-08 **Yeas: Casey, Smith, Thomas, Crawford, Wrobel**
Nays: None
Absent: Dooley, Nice

PRESENTATIONS:

Jim Ellison spoke to the committee on behalf of Oakland County Older Adult Services. He was appointed to this new position in January 2023, and is in his discovery period with the department. Jim is focusing on learning about what local municipalities are offering their Seniors and will then find ways for Oakland County to fill in the gaps. Council member Casey pointed out that the committee is in the same position as Mr. Ellison, being that the committee is in its information gathering stage, and she looks forward to working with the County as both groups work toward a similar goal.

In roundtable discussion, Member Crawford acknowledged the excellent service Recreation Supervisor Madison Lachance has provided to the Older Adult community, and she would be missed in her promotion to a new role with Novi's Cultural Art program. She was glad to see the posting of the Older Adult Services Manager position.

Member Crawford also asked about how the Older Adult Services and Public Safety teams distributed information to the community. Director Muck shared that many programs, such as File of Life, were promoted in Engage magazine and Police and Fire

Department communications. It was suggested that perhaps the City could find other ways to make sure more residents know about all of the Safety services available to them.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Michael Longo commented that he had received complaints from residents who were upset that Bridge dates had been cancelled to make room for other events in the Civic Center. He also stated that some bridge players found it distracting when children's events were occurring at the same time as cards.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Transcribed by Melissa Morris, Deputy City Clerk

Date approved: April 24, 2023