



# SENIORS COMMISSION

Quality Services for a Quality Community

## **MEMBERS**

Joan Martin Alam  
Trudy Bower  
Jean Brisbo  
Chair, Sandra House,  
Vice Chair, Jim Levande  
Robert Nelson  
Jack Nolish  
Cindy Whiddon  
Maria Zdybel

## **City Council Liaison**

Mark Meadows

## **Staff Liaison**

Kelly Arndt  
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## **PRIME TIME SENIORS' PROGRAM**

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 1, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

East Lansing Hannah Community Center  
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing

### **1) Call To Order and Roll Call**

House called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

Commission members not present: Joan Alam, Trudy Bower, Cindy Whiddon

Liaisons present: Mayor Mark Meadows and Director Kelly Arndt

### **2) Approval of Minutes of March Commission Meeting**

The motion to approve the minutes Nelson seconded by Nolish. Motioned passed.

### **3) Approval of Agenda**

Nolish moved Levande seconded. Motion passed.

### **4) Commission Chair Comments – Sandy House**

House and Levande attended the Parks and Recreation Five-Year Plan. Levande was encouraged to hear they will include the age-friendly recommendations, and will consider the needs for the Prime Time Program. House wasn't able to attend the Hannah Building Committee meeting this week. The meetings will continue through the summer and ending in September. House noted the age-friendly suggestions regarding buildings and outdoor spaces will be included in the plan.

The next council business meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month.

#### **A) Director's Report – Kelly Arndt**

The Volunteer Recognition Reception is scheduled for April 24 at noon. Foster's Coffee will be present to make specialty coffee drinks. They are the new coffee cafe in town! Please R.S.V.P.

Our Office Manager, Kari Shane, has moved on to pursue other career goals. Her last day was March 29. We are now looking for a secretary.

#### **B) City Council Liaison Report – Mark Meadows**

This year we will combine the Board and Commission Appreciation with the April 24<sup>th</sup> parliamentary procedures training. The city is trying to encourage all commissions to participate in the parliamentary procedures.

All of the development projects are on schedule. The corner of Abbot and Grand River are going vertical right now! They are starting to pour the piers the hotel site will be sitting on. We have a large sewer project as we are putting in pipes in the alleyway of Abbot and MAC. Albert will be fully opening mid-summer. The grocery store and Target will be open in July.

The apartments for the seniors on Grand River are substantially larger than the student and other apartments. A two bedroom apartment is almost 1300 sq. ft. They are building a model on 6<sup>th</sup> floor for seniors to actually visit it and see it in person.

The Grand River apartments are 80% leased already! The HUB is located on Bogue and Grand River. The Dublin Square Development contract will be signed the end of April. We are sending out an RFP for the property on Evergreen. The development along 127, the northern part of the city extending down Coleman Rd. maybe completed early fall.

The income tax revisions are moving forward with over 700 businesses already registered.

At the Neighborhood President's Meeting Scott House, the Director of Department of Public Works, spoke on the Harrison Rd. and Michigan Ave. lanes closed to replace the sewer this summer.

We are installing solar panels at the Department of Public Works site to power that site.

C) Age-Friendly Communities – Dr. Levande

The first draft of the Action Plan report is being prepared by the Planning Department right now. Age-Alive, the university's "age-friendly" initiative is moving forward as well, and they would like to work with us. The Butterfly Project we worked with them on was a huge success with over 50 attending the events finale.

**5) New Business:**

**7) Old Business:** Covered entrance to pool update

**Parks and Recreation are getting three bids for the keyless entry and camera at the covered handicapped entrance.** Arndt contracted Dan Barney from Secured Locks and Doors for a quote. The quote for a camera and keyless entry was for \$3080. We are waiting for the other quotes. Elaine will be responsible for getting two others.

**8) Adjournment**

House adjourned the meeting at 3:05p.m. The next Senior Commission meeting will be held on May 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m..