



**SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 2024 ~ Anchorage Senior Activity Center/Zoom**

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Debbie Bear Abi Haring-Brito Dr. Emily McMahan Traci Willett Gordon Glaser	Suzanne Hickel (E)	Darcie Montalvo, AHD Marge Stoneking, AARP Shannon Davenport, ANA Staff Liaison: Judy Atkins

Call to Order

Commissioner Gordon Glaser called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. with a quorum.

Introductions

Approval of the Agenda: Move the New Business, Election of Officers up on the agenda, after the approval of minutes. **Motion to approve the agenda as amended,** Commissioner Bear; seconded by Commissioner Willett. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

Approval of the March 27, 2024 Minutes: **Motion to approve the minutes as presented,** Commissioner Bear; seconded by Commissioner Haring-Brito. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

New Business

Election of officers. Chair position: Commissioner Bear nominated Commissioner Glaser; Commissioner Haring-Brito self-nominated. Both were asked to make brief statements advocating for their election; Commissioners were individually polled with a majority of the vote going to Commissioner Haring-Brito. Vice Chair position: Commissioner Glaser was nominated, he declined; Traci Willett self-nominated. She was approved by unanimous consent. **Motion to approve results of election by Commissioner Glaser, second by Commissioner Bear. Hearing no objection, the results of the motion passed.**

Presentation

Nursing and Our Communities – Ms. Shannon Davenport, RN, BSN, CHRN, president of the Alaska Nurses Association provided a brief statement regarding seniors and the need for nursing support. She also mentioned the nursing licensure compact bill currently with the legislature.

Legislative | AARP Report | No Report

Commission Focus Points

Dementia letter - Check with Commissioner Hickel to determine whether the letter prepared is finalized.

Anchorage as an Age-Friendly Designation Letter – Tabled.

Continuing Business

Senior Homelessness Letter. Changes/additions have been offered by commissioners and the letter is ready to be finalized and distributed.

Commission Vacancies update. There are three vacancies at this time; Jim Bailey's reappointment will not go forward through the Assembly until July.

Older Americans Month Kick-off Event. All plans are proceeding as expected; the winner of the Ron Hammett Award was chosen, Jim Bailey. Ms. Atkins reviewed the program and asked for volunteers: Jim and Gordin will Emcee, Abi and Traci will speak about the commission and introduce the Mayor. Congressional videos are expected to be turned in next week; the cake will be delivered day of event, etc.

Public Comment

Commissioner Glaser wished Commissioner Haring-Brito well in her new position as Chair.

Commissioner Haring-Brito expressed that she had secured two presentations for upcoming meetings: Comfort Pets in May, speaking specifically about dementia patients; American Red Cross in June to speak about disaster preparedness and fire safety specifically for seniors.

Commissioner Bear asked that Summer Meeting Break be added to next meeting agenda.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, Commissioner Glaser; second by Commissioner Bear; **hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 11:00.**

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 22, 2024