



Minutes of the Wheeling Senior Commission

1. **Call to Order.** The September 02, 2021 meeting of the Wheeling Senior Commission was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Marshall Kaplan.
2. **Roll Call.** Michael Kohen took roll call. Miriam Mayorga, from Social Services Unit, substituted for Shari Huizar. Persons absent: Shari Huizar, Officer Scott Laverd, Jackie Portnoy, MaryAnn Mirabella
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from last meeting were not approved, but were agreed to be moved over to the Oct 07, 2021 meeting for approval.
4. **Chairman's Report.** Marshall Kaplan said he was concerned that some seniors in the Congregate Dining program were not vaccinated against COVID 19. Kaplan said he heard it via word of mouth from other seniors, that some in attendance at lunch program were not vaccinated and they co-mingle with other seniors who were, and he was concerned someone may get sick. Kaplan said his suggestion for those not vaccinated would be they sit separate from those seniors who were.
5. **Senior Services Report.** None. Shari Huizar was absent.
6. **Recreational Services Report.** Bella Licciardello said Senior Activity Groups, including trips, are now able to return to the Park District and can be scheduled. However, Bella needs to be contacted first in order to schedule all groups interested in coming back. Bella said all activity groups and trips were previously cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Bella said there is one group that has returned and is active. Bella was accompanied by Emily Matgous, from the Park District, whom Bella explained will be her substitute during her/Bella's maternity leave. Emily will continue to attend the Wheeling Senior Commission meetings, but will need Park District approval for any task assignments or to answer any questions or concerns related to recreational services.
7. **Old Business.** Miriam asked about last month's dementia training, and if there was a consensus of how to involve the community. There was a brief discussion of last meeting's 'Dementia Friendly Wheeling' presentation. Bella said the presenter provided an example of a 'memory café', as an avenue for caregivers of dementia persons to get together, share resources, support each other, and socialize. Roberta said there were suggestions for allies within the Wheeling community to get involved, and that Shari agreed to contact local agencies to see how they could help.
8. **New Business.** The conversation about vaccinations, which began with today's Chairman's Report, continued. Marshall asked if seniors dining in at the lunch program should be asked for proof of vaccination. Roberta asked about lunch program, specifically, if meal pick-up was still an option. Marshall explained that both, dining-in and meal pick-up, are taking place, and said more seniors participate in the dine-in when there is entertainment scheduled. Miriam suggested vaccine site information be provided to Jesus Delgado, who coordinates the Congregate Dining Program, to have

Jesus place information on the tables, thereby providing seniors places they can be vaccinated, if they have not already done so. Miriam said it would not be appropriate to 'single-out' those who have not been vaccinated by seating them separately, as was previously suggested. Miriam said the Village of Wheeling has vaccination site information on its webpage. Many liked and approved the idea of having vaccination information disseminated via flyers at the dine-in lunch tables. Miriam said she would inform Shari for approval.

9. **Citizens' Concerns and comments.** None

10. **Announcements.** The next meeting will be Thursday, October 07, 2021, 10:00am, Village Hall.

c. Upon motion duly made by Michael Kohen and seconded by Roberta Vollriede, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Mayorga, substitute for Shari Huizar
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