

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES  
Monday, November 14, 2016**

Present: David Owens, Suzanne Bruner, Edie Webb, Beth Smyth and Sally Schirk-Ehrlich Alderman  
Bill Driscoll and Catherine Kiener, Director

Excused: Pat Poole

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Edie Webb moved to approve the corrected minutes of October members present to include Sally Schirk-Ehrlich. Sally Schirk-Ehrlich seconded the motion.  
No further discussion. Motion Carried.
2. Senior Center Board 2/3 of Board members were present.
3. Review & Approve Financials:  
Senior Center Financial Summary for October was tabled as the Beginning balance in Harris account was off.
4. Unfinished Business  
A. & B. The Ad-Hoc Strategic Plan & CDBG Grant update discussed together due to the inter-related nature of the grant with the plan. The City Council is willing to purchase the current building to ensure there is a center. Once the city owns the building they could add funds for opportunities to make improvements like the parking; a lift at the entrance at the back. The CDBG planning phase would review alternatives at this site, the Aurora building and any others. The members of the strategic plan committee were behind the study results indicating a community center concept. Senior Center board members expressed interest in the community center concept also and asked if the concept in future years gets traction, will the City support the combined use? Alderman Driscoll answered, he could not speak to future council decisions. He stated the city is willing to finance the purchase now. Senior Board member asked if the city could keep renting for now until fundraising was finished and Alderman Driscoll reported that the building owner is not willing to do a 6 month lease just a year lease at minimum. The concern was if the Aurora building did not work out the center would not have a home in 6 months and the money budgeted for the lease would be gone. The lease amount can be applied to the purchase; the price of the building has come down. A Commission member asked if the city would bring building up to any code changes and Alderman Driscoll said the city would have an inspection completed as part of the purchase agreement.
5. New Business  
A. Discuss & Recommend options on the Strategic Plan – Mr. Owens moved to recommend that the Commission on Aging endorse the city purchase of the current facility. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.  
B. Nothing to report
6. Director's Report:

A. Senior Center Board Item(s)

1. Aging Mastery Program has a meeting in Madison on Nov. 29 that Director and Grant Assistant will be attending.

B. Upcoming Events

1. Craft & Bake sale had a good start today. Thank you to all who have donated. These funds go toward unfunded items like volunteer recognition, speakers, Chicks with Sticks supplies, and underfunded programs.

2. Dr. Perry's class is going well for enrichment class category.

3. Membership luncheon is Dec. 6 at the Saukville Legion with reservations due end of the month.

C. Director's Comments: Director Kiener has a family medical issue so will be in and out as needed to tend to the matter.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting: December 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM