

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
AND
CITY OF RENO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

**3:00 p.m. – Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center – Tuscarora Room
1301 Valley Rd, Reno, Nevada 89512**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-** Meeting called to order- City of Reno and Washoe County met a quorum.

Present: **Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board:** Dennis Chin, Karen Davis, Diane France, Connie McMullen, Clinton Smith, Gary Whitfield, Wayne Alexander, Dr. Larry Weiss, Victoria Edmondson
City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Wendy Boszak, James Kozera, Robert Mulvana, Donna Clontz, Mac Rossi, Stan Dowdy, Marsy Kupfersmith

Absent: **Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board: None.**
City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Vanessa Dixon, Matt Ladich

Staff Present: **Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board:** Grady Tarbutton (ex-officio), Lisa Bonilla (staff)
City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Darryl Feemster (staff), Robert Forse (staff), Lyn Morales (staff), Neoma Jardon (council liaison)

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Dennis Chin is proud to announce that in the middle of the month there will be four generations living under one roof. He tells the group while growing up, there were only two generations under one roof. Dennis would like to try and get more good stories like this one of seniors and get them out to the public.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Dennis Chin moved to approve the January 7, 2015 agenda, Wayne Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried for the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board. Motion carried for the City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Gary Whitfield moved to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2014 joint meeting, Dennis Chin seconded the motion. Motion carried for the Washoe County Senior Citizen Advisory Board. James Kozera moved to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2014 joint meeting, Mac Rossi seconded the motion. Motion carried for the City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.
- 5. WASHOE COUNTY STAFF UPDATE, GRADY TARBUTTON-**
 - a. Master Plan.** Grady Tarbutton announces to the group that the Wandering Project has received sponsorship from Washoe County, City of Reno, City of Sparks, Washoe County Sheriffs, Sparks Police Department, and the Alzheimer's Association. People do have to apply for the hardware associated with the Wandering Project which also comes with a bag containing information about dealing with a family member who wanders, a door alarm, and the safety issues associated with wandering. Washoe County Senior Services has about 100 devices. Catholic Charities and Kids to Seniors Corner have about 300 devices that they are distributing out. If those are interested in receiving the Wandering Project package, tell them to contact Washoe County Senior Services. Donna Clontz tells the group that the City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Board granted \$1,500 towards the Wandering Project to create more packages for Reno Seniors to use.

Grady Tarbutton tells the group that there are flyers on the table from Sanford Center for Aging Speaker Series. In terms of Washoe County Senior Services, they are forming a partnership with Sanford Center for Aging to connect their new geriatric clinic with Washoe County Senior Services programs.

- b. Aging in Place.** The filming for KNTV show for seniors is scheduled for February 4, please get the word out. Washoe County Senior Services is preparing their budget they will be attending the county commissioner meeting on Friday. They will be asking for more staff, adding a volunteer program to work with seniors living in unincorporated parts of Washoe County, more eligibility staff, and adult day health staff. Grady tells the group that they will be meeting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to reach the seniors in that community. Washoe County Sheriff Chuck Allen is planning to replicate the Sparks telephone reassurance program. The new District Attorney is concerned about elder abuse and would like to appoint a new prosecutor to deal with those issues. The grant application for ambassador program has been submitted for review and Washoe County Senior Services will be making a presentation to the state in March regarding the grant. The advisory board for the County has 3-5 vacancies, looking for business folks in the community to help advise the county manager and department heads. Working with the library to roll out some computer classes for seniors.

6. CITY OF RENO STAFF UPDATE, DARRYL FEEMSTER-

- a. Reno/Tahoe Senior Winter Games.** Darryl Feemster passes out the registration forms and calendar of events for Reno/Tahoe Senior Winter Games. Darryl tells the group that if anyone at the meeting today decides to create a group for Senior Winter Games, they will waive the fee \$25 or \$50, as long as there are 5 members on the team. The Reno/Tahoe Senior Winter Games will be held from February 2-14. The three winning teams will be presented trophies at the much anticipated Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. Part of the registration fee includes a ticket to the dinner and dance. Registration is currently open for all events.

7. BUSINESS-

- a. Sierra Senior Services in Incline Village Nutrition Program Presentation.** Sara Deardorff is here from Sierra Senior Services, which serves Incline Village, Truckee, and the North Lake Tahoe area. Sarah has brought a packet of handouts for the group and presented a video. Video did not work but Sara had a handout including slides from the video presentation. Grady Tarbutton tells the group that Washoe County Senior Services had been looking to serve the Incline Village area and found Sierra Senior Services. They are looking to expand the program. Sara has been the director at Sierra Senior Services for 6 years and delivered over 32,000 meals this past year. The program is not based on income but on medical needs. A large percentage of seniors they serve are homebound and they have great/dedicated volunteers that help. Meals go out Monday thru Friday and frozen meals are given to those on the weekends if needed.
- b. Discussion of possible activities during Older American's Month May 2015.** Donna Clontz tells the group that they need to form a working group for Older American's Month to begin meeting and plan events. For the whole month of May, there is a booklet containing information about presentations and recreational activities. Grady Tarbutton tells the group that if they know anyone that is interested in having a workshop directed to seniors, please let them know. Darryl Feemster says that this is a great opportunity to communicate with the public to see what resources are available out there to seniors. Dr. Larry Weiss tells the group that this year's theme for Older American's Month is "Get into the Act". Neoma Jardon wants to push for Older American's Month in the media. Neoma would like to have another Stuff-a-Bus event for seniors but this time have

different drop off locations for the items. She would also like to get some corporate sponsors to help with the Stuff-a-Bus event. Darryl Feemster suggests that there could be several events where the fee is a donation to the Stuff-a-Bus. A paper is handed out to those who are interested in participating in Older American's Month, they can write their name, phone number, and e-mail down. An Older American's Month meeting will be set up before the end of January.

- c. Joint activities with Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Washoe County Senior Advisory Board.** Donna Clontz tells the group that Older American's Month will be a joint community effort. Wendy Boszak says that the City of Reno and Washoe County should collaborate on transportation and communication efforts. Wendy tells the group once they have identified the various ways of transportation and the underserved areas, they could collaborate with the county to help the seniors that are living in underserved areas in the county. Neoma Jardon wants to know if there is a spokesperson from both the city and the county to communicate with RTC. Marsy Kupfersmith suggests another joint activity for when the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board goes to the county commissioner, the City of Reno Advisory Board supports them and when the City of Reno SCAC goes before city council, the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board supports them. Donna Clontz suggests that the county help in participating in seniors going down to the legislature. Connie McMullen moved to take on Older American's Month, Senior Advocacy, and Transportation as the joint activities between the SCAC and Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, Dennis Chin seconded the motion. Motion carried, unanimous. Wendy Boszak moved for the City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Board to work on those issues with the county, Marsy Kupfersmith seconded the motion. Motion carried, unanimous.

- 8. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS- None.**
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Darryl Feemster tells the group that in 2012, transportation was a priority of the SCAC and Washoe County and still remains a priority today. Neoma Jardon says we should use the technique Sierra Senior Services does to get volunteers.
- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-** Transportation means. Older American's Month.
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Wendy Boszak says if there is a way to insure those who drive others and how to do it.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT-** Mac Rossi moved to adjourn the meeting, Stan Dowdy seconded the motion. Motion carried for the City of Reno. Dennis Chin moved to adjourn the meeting, Victoria Edmondson seconded the motion. Motion carried for Washoe County. Meeting adjourned.