

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION JANUARY 9, 2025

MEETING of the **OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION** held at the OPC Social & Activity Center, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan 48307.

CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, January 9, 2025, Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Walker at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6) Stuart Bikson, Thomas Del Pup, Carol Morlan, Micheline Sommers,
Tracy Thompson, David Walker

Absent: 2) Robin Buxar, Al Fisk

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Renee Cortright, Older Persons' Commission Executive Director
Mandy Mullins, Older Persons' Commission Deputy Director

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Walker requested the addition of 6 d. Nonresident Membership Increase.

MOTION by Del Pup, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the Agenda with the addition of 6 d., Nonresident Membership Increase, as amended.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Del Pup, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 2) Buxar, Fisk

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Sommers, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2024, meeting, as presented.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Del Pup, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 2) Buxar, Fisk

MOTION CARRIED

Entered Commissioner Buxar at 5:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS –

Election of Officers

Chairman Walker requested to elect the current officers as a slate.

MOTION by Del Pup, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the current slate of officers: David Walker as Chairman; Micheline Sommers as Vice-Chairman; Thomas Del Pup as Treasurer; Al Fisk as Secretary.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Del Pup, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 1) Buxar

Absent: 1) Fisk

MOTION CARRIED

Committee Appointments

Chairman Walker recommended the following committee assignments:

Facility Committee – Commissioners Fisk, Sommers, Thompson

Finance Committee – Commissioners Bikson, Del Pup, Morlan

Chairman Walker is ex officio of all committees.

MOTION by Sommers, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the committee assignments, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Fisk

MOTION CARRIED

Special License Approval

E.D. Cortright requested approval of a Special License, with the Liquor Control Commission, for wine and beer service, for twelve events in 2025.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Del Pup, **Resolved**, to approve the Special License, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Fisk

MOTION CARRIED

Nonresident Membership Increase

E.D. Cortright proposed an increase for nonresident members from an annual fee of \$175 for an individual and \$225 for a married couple, to \$200 for an individual and \$250 for a married couple, as the rates have not changed for 22 years.

MOTION by Morlan, seconded by Buxar, **Resolved**, to increase the Nonresident Membership annual rate to \$225 individual and \$300 for a married couple.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Buxar, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 1) Del Pup

Absent: 1) Fisk

AMENDED MOTION by Del Pup, supported by Bikson, to increase the Nonresident Membership annual rate to \$225 individual and \$400 for a married couple.

No vote taken.

2ND AMENDED MOTION by Del Pup, supported by Bikson, to increase the Nonresident Membership annual rate to \$225 individual and \$350 for a married couple.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Morlan, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 1) Sommers

Absent: 1) Fisk

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- Completed 2024 Capital Improvement Projects include: Pool and Gym LED lighting replacement, Phase 2 roof replacement and lightning protection, security cameras, snow-melt system relocated, 9 HVAC units replaced, LED lighting conversion, intercom replacement and new office workstations.
- In October 2024, the Transportation Department moved into the newly renovated facility on 328 South Street. In 2024, 52,839 riders were transported. Transitioning to the QRYde software in January. All OPC drivers and dispatchers are provided with CPR and wheelchair securement training and are nationally certified through QStraint wheelchair securement manufacturer.
- Successful recent events include: Grandkids Swim with two sold out sessions, DDA Cookie Stroll, participation in the Hometown Christmas Parade and a Holiday Dinner for 200 members.
- A special thank you to our community partners and members: Veterans Connection group made over 15 patriotic blankets for veterans in local nursing facility, the City of Rochester Hills Finance Department for baking, decorating and packaging cookies for Meals on Wheels clients and the Rochester Rotary for writing personal messages in holiday cards for Meals on Wheels clients.
- OPC's Annual Giving Campaign "Stronger Together" received individual donations of \$122,473.
- OPC received two awards from the MI Association of Senior Centers at their November annual conference: Facility Improvement Award for the Cardio/Weight Room and the Director of the Year Award was awarded to Renee Cortright.
- Objectives for 2025 is the focus on the Strategic Plan Action items.
- 2025 Special Events & Fundraisers:
 - Top Chef – April 10
 - 5K Run/Walk for Meals on Wheels & Pancake Breakfast – June 7
 - Summer Solstice Soiree – June 20
 - Pickleball Day – August 8
 - Food Truck Rally – September 11
 - Senior Expo – October 8
 - Artisan Market – November 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – no report

Facility Committee – no report

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

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Commissioner's comments were given.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Walker requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Fisk

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.

AL FISK, SECRETARY
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