

MINUTES

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Special Board Meeting

July 19, 2007 @ Grayling Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm. Joint meeting with Grayling Housing Commission (GHC).

Board members in attendance: Jack Mahank, Dean McCray, Joan Miller, Linda Munsey, Howard Taylor, Mike Lange

Absent: Lynn Hagon.

Also in attendance: Alice Snyder, Director, Melanie Conway, Asst. Director, GHC Board members various guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tike Golnick.

The invocation was offered by Miller.

AGENDA

MOTION by Lange, second by McCray to approve the AGENDA

6 aye

0 no

MOTION passes

Correspondence

Copy of a letter dated July 19th written by Paul Compo was introduced. It was a resolution in support of COA from the County Commissioners. GHC was thanked by Lange for working with COA. The audience also received information regarding the proposed changes to the GHC and COA.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Lange, as co-chair of the joint task force, brought forth the recommendation of option 1 to the GHC for approval. This was the agreement of the task force at their last meeting. Option 1 is proposing to take the old RSVP building across the road to expand and remodel it for the GHC offices. The procedure agreed upon was to bring the proposal to the GHC board and then to the tenant council. An attorney could then be secured for final agreement and presentation to HUD.

Guy Quigley stated he wasn't in favor of this option due to control issues, seniors would have to go across the road to pay rent and the traffic situation is dangerous. In addition this is also considered tenant space by HUD. If any major changes were to happen, the tenant council must be considered. Lange stated the COA has no intention of stopping the tenants from using the building and he hoped this will not be road block. COA would have a written agreement coordinating with tenant council and GHC board.

Howard Taylor supported what Lange said in that this is public building which all tenants and seniors of Crawford County would benefit from and the COA would have no problem putting this in writing.

Parking is a problem and will continue to be. This might be an issue which needs to be discussed with the city. Discussed putting up crossing lights or cross walk buttons.

Snyder explained the remodeling that would take place on the current building. A floor plan for the building across the street was presented in the packet distributed to both board members and guests.

COA reported they are growing and are in need additional space for operations.

Lange stated the property under discussion is under the control of GHC. This was brought to GHC Board for approval then would have to move onto the tenant council and then back to GHC board for finalization. COA needs a direction from GHC to be partners for this project. GHC will have approval every step of the way.

Public comment was then taken.

- Lived here for a 1 year and love it. Everyone is like family. This is our home for the people who live here. This is our neighborhood. Residents need to have input.
- Concerned about laundry facility, basketball courts and parking which is bad.
- Prior Director of COA had more people that came here and we weren't over crowded then and we're not over crowded now.
- Two boards need to function and get along. Parking will continue to remain a problem which will constrict tenants to get to point A & B.
- Building is obsolete to COA now. Need to address parking issue. Buying across the road an option. GHC board doesn't seem to be kept informed to know what has been happening. Need cooperation of both parties.
- Realize this is for everyone. This is everyone's money which is going to the same place - the seniors of Crawford County.
- Concern of kids riding their bikes across the road with business being conducted at GHC offices. The danger of skate boards was also mentioned.
- Parking is an issue.

Taylor stated that time is an issue. The population continues to grow and so do the needs of the seniors.

McCray stated that we are serving more meals than in prior years and continue to grow.

- Always spots available in the dining room at meal time.
- More expansion for dining use is needed and kitchen needs upgraded. If COA moves the building will be vacant and that would be costly to tax payers.

Golnick stated that he didn't like the move across the street because of the GHC playground. Mahank stated the best use of the public monies for GHC was to move across the road. If there's a better option it should be presented. Task force decided this is the best option. Taylor stated that the COA needs space for talking one on one with seniors. Currently lack of confidentiality an issue. Golnick suggested that the COA move across the road. Mahank stated that the COA operation is here.

Snyder reported that the COA served over 100 just in tax preparation this year. Agency brochure provides a list of our services. Brochures were provided to GHC board.

Discussion about the number of GHC-COA employees and space. GHC has 3 staff with a total of 195 sq feet per person. COA has 6 staff with 120 sq feet per person.

Someone from the public questioned the space in the garage. Quiqley said that it was designated for garage space only and they are all full.

Action by the GHC board. Move to send option 1 to the tenant council for approval by Golnick and seconded by Moshier. Roll call vote with all members voting in favor. Motion carries.

Next tenant council is last Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Motion to adjourn by McCray and second by Lange. 6 aye 0 no

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm.

Jack Mahank, Chairperson

Melanie Conway, Recording Secretary