



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting
Time of Meeting
Place of Meeting

Minute of Senior Citizens Advisory
Committee
February 14, 2023
1:00 PM
Council Conference Room and Zoom
Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4799521830>
Meeting ID: 479 952 1830

Roll Call Present: Wendy-Jean Fischer, Edward Bracken, Marcia Hedrick, Mildred Miller, Ed Sendelbach

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Marcia Hedrick moved to Approve . **Motion Approved 5-0.**

3.A. December 2022 Minutes

4. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

Introduction to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, their goals and

- how commissions can work together.

- Daniel and Nicole introduced the DEI commission and wanted to share the vision for commission and rapidly growing Ellensburg areas need for this commission. Population growth in Ellensburg increases diversity. The commission began in 2021 as a result of listening tours held around Ellensburg.
- NexTrex Bench Dedication
 - We completed the NexTrex recycling program. The community collected 500 pounds of plastic with two months remaining. Thank you to all those who helped reach this goal!

- We are able to select the color for the bench. The two options are charcoal black and light grey. The commission selected the charcoal black for the AAC.
 - The AAC would like to dedicate the bench to Shirley and Ed Sendelbach for all of the hours and hard work put in collecting and transporting plastic. The commission was in agreement of doing this. They would like to see a silver plaque placed on the bench.
- Activity and Trip Fees
 - The AAC is looking into adjusting activity fees to make the center more accessible to those who cannot afford to participate in activities currently or for those that don't attend activities regularly. We have seen an increase in patrons who are unable to afford the user fee amount and the activities they participate in aren't using facility supplies. The fees at the facility are currently \$40.00 a year for anyone whether they are just watching TV, coloring or taking a class. The fees are determined by the need of supplies for the activity, if there is an instructor and/or training required. Our vision is to have a punch pass system. Patrons would buy a punch pass that is good for 12 uses on any activity of the same price. We have done research and a majority of other senior centers in Washington State charge by activity not by annual fee. What are some thoughts on changing the fees?
 - Marcia Hedrick said she like this system more because it doesn't make sense to pay the user fee if she only goes to an activity once a month especially if she brings her own supplies. This would help be more affordable for people.
 - Edd Bracken asked about the cost per month and if the pass could be used on any activity. This would be roughly \$10 per month for one activity and pass could be used for different activities as long as the cost is the same. The two activities that we would not be allowed to use the same pass for are the Friday lunches and the pottery painting. Supplies for these activities are more expensive than others.
 - Wendy-Jean Fischer wanted more information on how we would monitor checking in so that passes are not being accidentally punched too often. The AAC would have staff or volunteers at the front desk checking people in. We understand that it can sometimes be challenging to hear the beep of the scanner and some people accidentally scan in multiple times. We would no longer allow the scanner to sit on the desk for all participants to access it.
 - Ed Sendelbach asked if they could pay for multiple months in advance. We would have to check to see if the system we use would allow this, but we don't have a problem with that.
- When calling other senior center, we discovered that some of them charge an average cost for trips to make more expensive trips more affordable. What are

your thoughts on increasing less expensive trips and decreasing more expensive trips to make trips more affordable for participants.

- The commission said it would be okay and it would make the more expensive trips more affordable. The only concern is that the trips may fill up faster if they are less expensive. All of our trips are on a first come first serve basis. If we have enough participants for two trips, then we may take the trip twice depending on schedule and availability.

7. COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS/OTHER BUSINESS

7.A. AAC January 2023 Budget

Wendy-Jean asked about the bus lease and why we pay for it in months we don't use it.

This lease is the same cost every month and it is an annual lease. If we only paid for it while we are using it, then the monthly cost will go up while we are using it to make up for the annual lease.

8. STAFF REPORTS

- January Daily Check In's: 697 (December 415)
- January New/Renew users: 28 (December 10)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Councilmember Edward Bracken moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Approved 5-0.**