

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

PRESENT: Steve Paciorek, Director; Margaret DeWolf, Chair; Judy Kovacik, Vice-Chair; Ann Koepke, Council Representative; Kim Veras; Ted Lux; Dr Martin; Arlene Sierleja; Suzie Putich Kisling, Secretary

EXCUSED:

Margaret called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

1. Review minutes of January 11, 2022. Accepted as submitted.
2. Old Business: no report.
3. Updates from Board Members – **Arlene** – She is looking for things that would be fun for the seniors. She suggested a “comedy social night” with cookies and hot chocolate and get Ernie Kovacs’, a comedian, DVDs and have them running for people to watch possibly as an icebreaker. Help in getting people to laugh and lift them up. **Ann** – Rezoning is going to be on the ballot for the old library and Chippewa & Weise properties. Changing from community facility to business and residential to community facility, respectively. The city is hoping to get 3 grants; 1. Energy grant that would renew every year towards windows at Blossom, 2. Community social for fire department ice cream social, 3. Tree canopy-a program to replace trees throughout the city. The city accepted the deed to property on Crinkleroot because of flooding issues. The city accepted the deed to the property between the police station and property and across from the city hall. They will keep it until plans are made to do something with it. Boiler repairs in the Community Center. Two boilers failed the same day. It was found that the problem was a computer issue. Because of this the water will be shut down on the tenth to repair. Council approved the purchase of 3 new police cars. Ann suggested events such as chair volleyball, seniors and grand kids at brunch. **Felix** – Had a question on the private street that he and many seniors live on. He mentioned that the city has been plowing and during the big snow the last two times they did not come to plow. He mentioned that the HOA is trying to get in touch with Mayor Hruby regarding this issue. **Ted** – Reported that we have 17 regular drivers. Pizza & bingo will be the first Wednesday of every month. There were 45 people the last time. Ted mentioned that at the end of January the gas rate went up \$2 that day and the next day went back down. The contracts run during those days so the rates will be affected the \$2 for that month. The mayor has cancelled the State of the City and Conversation with the Mayor. **Suzie** – nothing. **Kim** – Mentioned that she saw that Covid was down 2,000 cases a day and that maybe we could do the sit-down lunches again. Steve mentioned that there were usually 190-200 drive by lunches and usually 60 sit-downs before Covid. He mentioned that maybe we could do Thursday sit-downs once a month. We were informed that Margaret would put inspirational sayings in the grab-n-go lunches to lift people up. Kim wondered if there would be a Center for the Arts again. Steve said he would revisit because people want to be on the board. Steve is thinking to rework the Taste of Brecksville. **Judy** – Mentioned that an Honor Tree Committee meeting is needed. **Margaret** – Asked how the elderly made it through the snow storms and that if anyone had to come to the Human Services Building to get warm. Ted said it is very rare. They had one family come for a couple hours.
4. Update from HS Director – **Steve** – Empty Bowls by Kiwanis and the Lion’s Club will be on March 23rd from 5-7pm for \$15 and again will be a drive by in our parking lot. Dina makes the soup. Four to five thousand dollars are collected. Half goes to Brecksville and half goes to Broadview Hts. The Volunteer Tea is cancelled and will probably be held in the spring or summer. Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year is coming up. Steve mentioned that there are problem glitches in the walk-in cooler that needs to be fixed. Ann questioned if we could use CVCC students or Honor students to volunteer in the kitchen.
5. New business – no reports

Margaret announced the next meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

Margaret made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim/Suzie, Adjourned 4:36 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Suzie Putich Kisling, Secretary