



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI

ELECTRONIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0400

1. Welcome – Introductions:

Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Mary Storch, Neha Kiru, Janet Censoni (ab) and Cecilia Gallagher

Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator), Jeff Muck (PRCS Director)

2. AARP Tax Preparation Program Update (Fisher)

Social Services Coordinator Fisher gave a report on the status of the program. Novi has had to close registrations and is no longer taking a wait list due to limited availability of appointments by AARP. Novi is one of a few that are still able to provide the service, but numbers will be much lower than in previous years. Interactions with customers will be shorter than in the past due to Covid19 restrictions and the tax preparers have been dealing with more challenges and questions due to the economic stimulus checks.

3. Covid-19 Vaccination Update (Muck)

Director Muck notified the Board that approximately 88% of Meadowbrook Commons residents have now received their second dose of the Moderna vaccine. OAS Transportation drivers have also received second dose. KMG is anticipating opening some of the common areas in the coming month and PRCS plans to start providing programming at MAC in late March.

4. Programs and Social Services Update (Fisher)

Social Services Coordinator Fisher gave updates on upcoming programs including community quilt project, St Patrick's Day drive thru party and SOAR. Also reported on her and Recreation Supervisor, Jessica Mistak meeting with the Novi High School Adult Transition program to give them information on using OAS Transportation.

5. Parks Projects update (Muck)

Director Muck reported that the City of Novi's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department has a history of actively seeking grant funding to enhance our parks, create or improve recreation opportunities and acquire new park land. In 2021, we are planning to submit an application titled, "Northwest Park Improvements" to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for development of Northwest Park. The park is located at 50635 Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. It is bordered by Detroit Catholic Central High School and the Andelina Ridge subdivision. The park is currently undeveloped and planned improvements will be Nature Based. These include a nature play area, nature trails, parking area, sidewalk and a prairie restoration with emphasis on it serving as a Monarch Butterfly Waystation. The Board reviewed the plans and was in favor of the design and supported the grant application.

6. Roundtable:

Comments from Board Members included a wish that we could provide more tax services but understood the limitations, a suggestion on developing park signage for visually impaired and request for follow up on fire and tornado drills at Meadowbrook Commons.

7. ADJOURNMENT

2021 Meeting Dates:

April 20

June 15

August 17

October 19

December 21