



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD SYNOPSIS
CITY OF NOVI
Council Conference Room | Novi Civic Center
Tuesday, August 20 – 6 P.M.
248.347.0414

Attending:

Janet Censoni, Cecilia Gallagher, Matt Lazell, Dr. Joslen Letscher, Salene Riggins (PRCS Commissioner); Michael Longo (absent)
Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator)
Madison Lachance (OAS Recreation Supervisor)
Kit Kieser (OAS Manager)

1. Past and upcoming programs, events report-out

Supervisor Lachance provided updates on past and future recreation opportunities: Bingo and Bots, Meteor Shower Star Party at ITC, Senior Day at the State Fair, NRPA's BioBlitz, Oktoberfest Celebration, and MSU Tollgate square dancing event, to name a few.

Coordinator Fisher briefed the group with FY22-23 DME Loan closet synopsis, most frequently received inquiries from her office, and upcoming programs including A Matter of Balance, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, new program Prescription Drug Disposal and Technical Assistance, and the ever-popular Cutting the Cord.

Manager Kieser updated the group on the status of sponsorships for the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration in November. The group requested that she re-send information on soliciting support from sponsors in the community.

2. Transportation update (Kieser)

Manager Kieser reported out on the first month of People's Express having taken over operations of Novi Senior Transportation. The group was pleased to hear that resident feedback has been positive, many of the Novi drivers transferred to PEX, and PEX is seeing a precipitous increase in rides in the first month of operation.

3. Older Adult Needs Committee update (Kieser)

Manager Kieser reiterated information previously shared via email regarding the conclusion of the Older Adult Needs Committee on July 8. Three main recommendations to City Council highlighted in the Committee's final report were the creation of a community center with a dedicated space for older adults, the creation of a City Council-appointed commission on older adults (sunsetting this advisory board), and a recommendation that City Council continue dialogue focusing on senior-friendly housing options.

4. ADJOURNMENT

2024 OAAB Meeting Dates:

Meetings will be at 6pm in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise specified.

October 22

December 17