

**MINUTES OF THE
FERNLEY SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2023**

Vice-Chair Jacqueline LaVoie called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Vice-Chair Jacqueline Lavoie, Committee Member Sharon Holley, Committee Member Denise Moorman, Committee Member Lisa Callahan, Committee Member Debbie Skinner, City Clerk Kim Swanson, Deputy City Clerk Brenda Gosser, Administrative Specialist I Sandy Harris, Management Analyst Casey Kasten, and City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen arrived at 9:10am.

1.3. Public Forum

None at this time.

1.4. (For Possible Action) Approval of Agenda

Motion: MOVE TO SWITCH ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS 3 & 4. **Action:** Approved, **Moved by:** Committee Member Denise Moorman, **Seconded by:** Committee Member Sharon Holley. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes. **Yes:** Committee Member Skinner, Committee Member Moorman, Vice Chair LaVoie, Committee Member Callahan, Committee Member Holley.

1.5. (Possible Action) Approval of Minutes

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2023 MEETING. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Committee Member Sharon Holley, **Seconded by:** Committee Member Lisa Callahan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes. **Yes:** Committee Member Skinner, Committee Member Moorman, Vice Chair LaVoie, Committee Member Callahan, Committee Member Holley.

2. REPORTS BY STAFF AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Committee Member Denise Moorman reported that she spoke with Jennifer at the Fernley Senior Center in regards to holding meetings at the senior center. There are scheduling conflicts, but it was suggested to have the meeting before lunch when there are more people there.

Committee Member Lisa Callahan reported on various meetings she has had with members of the community in regards to services for seniors. She spoke with Sheriff Pope about possibly providing classes on safety scams for seniors. Jennifer at Senior Center, has provided information on the centers' resources and what they provide. Would like to see if there are grants available to help with the needs of the transportation. Vet Mech arms is open to offering classes/safety-training with weapons. Katie Mendoza from HB benefits has had workshops at the Senior Center in regards to Medicare information. Committee Member Callahan also attended the Lyon County Role Playing for "Living in poverty workshop".

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Presentation by Construct Sun

Mary Christianson, Construct Sun, gave a presentation about how solar power works. She will be giving a more extensive presentation at the Fernley Senior Center on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

Committee Member Sharon Holley left the meeting at 9:48.

Fernley resident James Moorman asked Mary Christianson if the people who install the system are employees of Construct Sun. Mary Christianson stated that the electrical contractors are subcontractors and run under their own business name and licensing.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1. (For Possible Action) Discussion about future meetings, location, date, time.

Vice-Chair Jacqueline LaVoie stated that having future meetings at the Senior Center is not feasible for a number of reasons. She suggested keeping the meetings at City Hall at 10:00 am.

Committee Member Lisa Callahan suggested having something informal at the Senior Center where the members are there and the seniors can express what they would like to see happen or express their ideas and bring it to the regular meeting to discuss.

Committee Member Debbie Skinner suggested that they stay at City Hall for the rest of the year and revisit the idea of the Senior Center for next year, and in the interim, as individuals go and participate in the activities that they have at the center, so they become more of a "friendlier face" to everyone there.

Committee Member Denise Moorman asked if the meetings had to be recorded. She will check with the Senior Center to see if they have a bus available to bring people from the Senior Center to City Hall for the meetings.

Deputy City Clerk stated that they do have to have it recorded. The way the committee was created, it has to be an open meeting and abide by open meeting laws, which means it does have to be recorded.

City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen stated that if the committee wants to avoid the open meeting law issues then there is an option of becoming a "Task Force" but it limits the ability to recommend things to Council. He will put together a presentation to talk about the pros and cons of giving up their position as a committee.

Motion: MOVE TO CHANGE THE MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER AND DECEMBER TO THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AT CITY HALL. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Committee Member Denise Moorman, **Seconded by:** Committee Member Lisa Callahan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Committee Member Skinner, Committee Member Moorman, Vice Chair LaVoie, Committee Member Callahan, Committee Member Holley.

5. ADDRESS REQUEST(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Jacqueline LaVoie stated that City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen will be giving a presentation in regards to "Task Force" at the next meeting. Also, review the surveys that were done at the ice cream social.

Committee Member Denise Moorman will have a report on the progress of the printing of the Senior Guide.

Committee Member Debbie Skinner asked about activities that the Committee has historically participated in the past.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Lisa Bonnie, Executive Director of the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, introduced Mark Tadder. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living provides services for individuals with disabilities throughout Northern Nevada. The organization would like to work together with the Committee. The organization is in Fernley every second Friday of the month and has a program for anyone who is starting to have vision loss and has questions, to learn about some of the technologies and services that are available. Some of the life skills they teach are cooking, technology (the magic of the iPhone), information on how to use a white cane or even guide dogs. The organization meets from 10:00 - 11:30 at the Senior Center. For more information, you can call on weekdays at 775-353-3599 and are looking for any help they can get. They are looking for more people to come.

The next meeting will be Friday, October 13, 2023, at 10:00 am, in the Fernley City Hall Chambers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before it, the Fernley Senior Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Approved by the Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee on October 13, 2023, by a vote of:

AYES 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: ABSENT: 2

Jacqueline LaVoie
Vice Chairman Jacqueline LaVoie

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