



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Senior Resources Advisory Board
Minutes
March 15, 2022**

Chair John E. Brown
Vice Chair Sandra Varnell
Member Susan Sloan
Member Ella Thomas
Member Vida May Waters

City Manager Mike DaRoza

**Senior Resources Advisory Board
At 5:00 PM**

Meeting Date: March 15, 2022

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

15100 NW 142 Ter.

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SENIOR RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Chair John E. Brown.

INVOCATION

Led by City Manager Mike DaRoza.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Chair Brown, with Member Susan Sloan absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Brown asked the Members to review the agenda.

Member Vida May Waters moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Ella Thomas.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. December 8, 2021 Senior Resources Advisory Board Minutes

Chair Brown introduced the item and made recommendations.

Member Waters moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Vice Chair Sandra Varnell.

Chair Brown opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

B. Survey of Senior Community

City Manager DaRoza provided the update.

Vice Chair Varnell asked how many surveys would be sent out.

City Manager DaRoza stated he would be working with the tax collector, churches and similar entities to insure that as many seniors as possible be reached, as well as their caregivers.

Vice Chair Varnell asked about the length of the survey.

City Manger DaRoza stated the survey could be printed on both sides to reduce the number of survey pages.

Member Waters stated that she did not understand why there was a question regarding political preference on the survey.

City Manager DaRoza stated any question the Board deems inappropriate could be taken off the survey.

Member Waters asked if the question on income was to collect information on affordable housing.

Chair Brown stated we might put a clause stating to only answer the questions one would be comfortable answering.

City Manager DaRoza stated he would carry out the Board's wishes.

He stated the survey was designed to discover what is most important to our Seniors, and when we have activities, we will have activities that accommodate all abilities, as best we can with foresight.

Chair Brown called for a motion.

Member Water moved to accept the survey with corrections as mentioned; seconded by

Member Thomas.

Approved unanimous.

II. NEW BUSINESS

City Manager DaRoza asked for an update from Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams regarding the High Tea and Bingo event.

Deputy City Clerk Williams proved the update.

Discussion ensued regarding events for Seniors, how to get Seniors involved and what they enjoy and how to get the word out.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Member Thomas asked about Bingo at the July 4th Event.

City Manager DaRoza provided an update and stated he would look into having Bingo again.

Member Thomas discussed some of the problems with the Senior Center. She talked about activities she was involved in and would like to see come back.

Chair Brown recognized Member Thomas's concerns and thanked Deputy City Clerk Williams' for her efforts.

Chair Brown stated he would like to see the SRAB get involved with helping the kids in either a backpack giveaway or haircuts before school.

City Manager stated the backpack giveaway is covered by the APD, but the haircuts are an excellent idea.

Vice Chair Varnell stated she gave coloring books for adults to the Senior Center.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown asked what would be the best way to communicate with seniors.

The Board agreed fliers and word of mouth would be best.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Brown stated a citizen asked if the events could be included in the utility bill.

City Manager DaRoza stated yes, as long as the folding machine is not overburdened.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Chair Varnell stated she fell at home and has been out of communication for a while.

Member Thomas stated if the store owner is asked, they would put flyers.

Chair Brown thanked everyone who came. He asked Members to let staff know if they would not be able to attend meetings or if they would need a ride to the meetings, so that future meetings will have a quorum. He stated he would like to have the survey in hand so he could hand it out to friends and colleagues.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

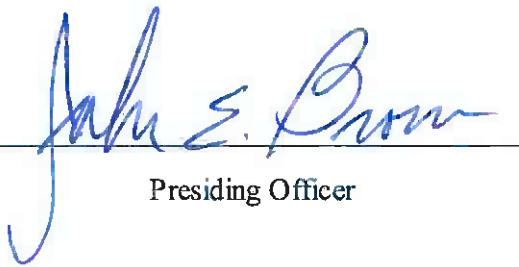
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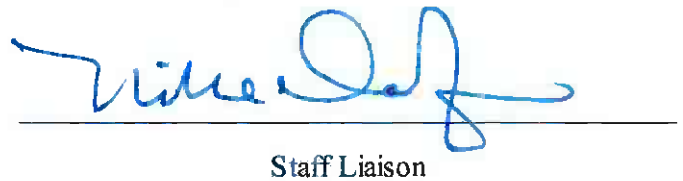
Member Waters moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Thomas.

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

SENIOR RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Presiding Officer

Staff Liaison