

City of Beaver Dam
Community Activities & Services Department (BDCAS)
Senior Division
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 25, 2022

This meeting took place in person at the Watermark (BDCAS) and via Zoom.

There were no meetings in November and December.

Called to Order:

By Chairman, Erv Munro at 8:30am

Roll Call:

Present: Anne Pellerin, Bob Falk, Diane Coulter, Eileen Goodman, Eric Williams, Erv Munro, Jan Richardson, Jim Olson, Kay Appenfeldt, Marsha Horne, Mary Morgan, Jana Stephens, Traci Gmeinder

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to accept Minutes made by Mary M. Seconded by Eileen G. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Read by Mary M. There was a question about an expense for the Accreditation Meeting. A lunch was provided for those present. The expense was a refund for the tax on the lunch provided. Motion to approve made by Marsha H., seconded by Bob F. Motion carried. January credit of \$5,000.00 to Income for a donation from Walmart for partnering with BDCAS for the Fall Cleanup Project.

Public-at-Large:

Diane C. – ADRC – Virtual Stress Management Workshop is being offered February 11th 10:00am to 11:00am. Stepping On program dates are coming. Mind Over Matter will be held at the Watermark, Thursdays April 7,21 and May 5 from 1pm-3pm. To Register and for more information call ADRC at 920-386-4010.

Jan R. - DCCA – Gift Gallery will be on display through January 28. DCCA will offer a group photography exhibit showcasing 10 Wisconsin Wildlife Photographers. The show and sale will have an opening reception on Saturday, February 5 at 4:00pm and will run at least through the end of the month. Normal hours for the gallery to be open are Thursdays and Fridays 4:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturdays 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Community Art Night is offered on Thursdays. Other events being planned include a Peony Fest and Plein Air Art Event in June. The many books we have at a minimal price are available for browsing and purchase during regular Gallery hours. During the Holiday Sale, the delightful wooden banks were very popular. Thanks to the talents of the Woodshop men.

Eric Williams – MMC-BD – Eric is now Marshfield Medical Clinics Manager. The growing organization now includes a Cardiologist, Urologist, and a Spine Surgeon. The MMC-BD is actively recruiting a Family Physician. As of 1/25, Omicron totaled 3,600 new cases in 14 days with 10 deaths. This is worse than the original COVID variant. Vaccinated totals are 48.7% have had a first dose, 51.7% fully vaccinated. The Hospital expects a peak in late January. A question was asked about bringing in the National Guard to help. Not at this time, but all hands are on deck for the Medical Staff.

Kay Appenfledt, Alderson and Beaver Dam Common Council Liaison - New Construction is to begin soon on the South Spring Street Project. This is to include new underground pipes (they are the oldest in the city) new street lighting, and finishing the bridge across the river to the Watermark. The Rotary Park near West Mill St. is to have landscaping that includes peonies and trees funded by the Rotary Club and the City. Beaver Dam has received \$1,716,818.00 to be used by 2024 from the American Rescue Act (ARA). A new park is to be constructed at the corner of Madison St. and Lake Crest Dr., the site of an old restaurant. Funds may come from ARPA. A grant from the Community Block Development Group has approved \$400,000.00 for a project on Haskell St. The orange fences seen around town are for new gas pipes and fiber optic lines. The old Murray Funeral Home on East Maple St. is now the headquarters for Handy Man Home Improvements. The Chamber of Commerce is marketing Beaver Dam as a place to live and a travel destination.

Old Business:

Kathy W. has resigned from the Advisory Committee. Someone has expressed an interest. An announcement will be made at the next meeting.

New Business:

Last year due to the Pandemic the terms for all members of the Advisory Committee were extended by one year. Elections are scheduled for April 2022. There have been discussions about changing the by-laws from an election process to an appointment process. A low percentage of active participants actually vote for the new Committee members. A person is more likely to serve on the Committee if appointed, rather than going through the election process. The Appointees would come with knowledge and experience from a variety of sources and diverse occupations. A motion was made to accept this new process by Mary M. seconded by Eileen G. The Committee Members would continue to serve for a 2 year term with one re-appointment. Then take a one year break. Eileen G and Anne P will be ending their terms of service. Marsha H. and Jim O. are eligible to continue for another term. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed of the current Committee Officers. They will report back to the full Committee at the February 22 meeting.

Jana S. - Administrator's Report:

The Cabin Fever Fest is Saturday January 29th. Multiple activities are planned around downtown, The Watermark and a number of city parks. Promotions for the event have been sent out on Facebook, via email blasts, local media. Joan H. will be featured on Community Comment. AARP Tax Aide - AARP was unable to recruit enough volunteers in our area to offer the service this year. Jana will continue to work with AARP to try to bring the service back next year. The New Year has gotten off to a great start! Response has been excellent to January programs. There are a range of in-person, virtual and hybrid opportunities for people to choose from. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteer program coordinators and instructors for leading many programs. We are also working on the spring and summer programs at this time. Watch for more new opportunities as well as traditional favorites in the March/April Community Center Courier.

Future Agenda Items:

None

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary M., seconded by Diane C. Meeting adjourned at 9:12am

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Pellerin.