

**Center 50+ Advisory Commission  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – Minutes**

**ATTENDING MEMBERS:** Alise Liepnieks, Allen Jakobitz, Jon Deming, Mel Fuller, Rebekah Smith, Sandy Kinney.

**Staff:** Marilyn Daily-Blair, Director; Christiana Kennelly (Staff Assistant)

**OPENING EXERCISES:** At 9:06 a.m. the meeting was opened by C50+AC President Rebekah Smith and roll call was taken. A reintroduction of Jon Deming, employee of Salem Health; newest commission member.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA –** Agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved. Motion by Sandy Kinney, seconded by Alise Liepnieks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** Minutes of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A**

**ACTION ITEMS – N/A**

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

*Gretchen Bennett of the City Manager's Office* – shared information on the Human Rights Commission, regarding concerns of discrimination and bias.

The Commission is made up of community volunteers appointed by the Mayor and Council in an advisory capacity.

- Works proactively and reactively in the area of human rights,
- Proactively, they identify areas to address such as raising awareness or conducting community forums,
- Reactively, they provide assistance to persons experiencing discrimination,
- They assist victims of hate/bias crime that is reported to Salem Police Department
- The Commission wants to hear from people with situations – even if there is nothing that can be done, it is important to know to understand what is happening in the community
- The Commission can be reached at 5013-540-2371 or at [humanrights@cityofsalem.net](mailto:humanrights@cityofsalem.net)

*Eunice Kim, a CD planner from Public Works Department* – shared information on the visioning phase of a citywide project to update the city's Comprehensive Plan, called "Our Salem".

- This plan guides future growth and development in the Salem area; guides everything from where different types of housing are allowed and how our transportation system is designed.
- The City is out and about this summer/fall, connecting to groups and the broader community to start getting input on how the Salem area should grow over the next 20 years.
  - This visioning phase is expected to last roughly a year, and there will be community workshops and group meetings throughout. The first major milestone in the visioning process will be in October when the City holds community workshops.
  - The workshops will be:
    - Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6-8 p.m., Pringle Hall, 606 Church St SE
    - Thursday, Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m., Crossler Middle School
    - Friday, Oct. 25 (in Spanish only) 6-8 p.m., Chemeketa Community College, Building 8
- The City is hoping to partner with organizations and groups, including the Center 50+ Advisory Committee, on this project.

Anyone with questions or who wants more information can contact Eunice Kim, 503-540-2308 or [ekim@cityofsalem.net](mailto:ekim@cityofsalem.net).
- Advisory committee members filled out two-question surveys that asked them what they wanted to see in their neighborhoods and the city in the future.

*Marilyn Daily Director, Center 50+* shared some of the cost saving improvements made during the August 2-week closure; including water fountain stations located on both floors to arrive in the next few weeks as well as an improved tech center; maximizing space for more opportunities. The Pop-Up Downtown series was mentioned as well as the Age Friendly Initiative Luncheon and in expectation of having it well attended.

*Friends Fundraising* – Friends Board Secretary, Sandy Kinney reported, this October, Friends will hold another evening Bingo fundraising event. Sandy commented on planning to suggest a costume for the Halloween Theme.

Allen Jakobitz also reported on the Bingo event stating tickets were available for \$25 p/packet, includes a spaghetti dinner; 50/50 raffle.

*Fix-it Brigade* – Allen Jakobitz reported no changes.

*Intergenerational Committee* – Allen Jakobitz reported the committee is planning a free family friendly, Harvest Party on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 11 -2 PM Including activities such as Spanish Bingo, Rock Painting, Paper Art and Flex & Fab - plus, a chili lunch! Thank you, to Holiday Retirement for sponsoring the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**—10:05 a.m.