

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
AD HOC JOINT SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE
OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION
650 LETICA DR., ROCHESTER, MI 48307
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2018
MEETING MINUTES
3. TOUR OF OPC FACILITY
4. DISCUSSION: OPC OPERATIONAL
STRUCTURE
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. ADJOURN

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City of Birmingham
AD HOC JOINT SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

Birmingham City Hall Room 202/203
151 Martin St., Birmingham, Michigan
Friday, November 2, 2018

MINUTES

Chairman Gordon Rinschler convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

1. **ROLLCALL**

Present: Patty Bordman, Birmingham City Commission
Rachel Guinn, Birmingham Public Schools Deputy Superintendent
Gordon Rinschler, Birmingham Community Resident
Joe Valentine, Birmingham City Manager
Adrienne Young, Birmingham Public Schools School Board Member
James Delaney, Beverly Hills Council Member
Dorothy Pfeifer, Beverly Hills Community Resident
Chris Wilson, Beverly Hills Village Manager
Eileen Pulker, Franklin Village Clerk

Absent: Jim Creech, Franklin Village Administrator
Ed Saenz, Franklin Village Council

Administration: Tiffany Gunter, Asst. City Manager
Carole Salutes, Recording Secretary

2. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Pfeifer corrected the following:
Page 2, second line, scratch "four" and substitute "40."

Motion by Mr. Valentine to approve the Minutes of the Ad Hoc Joint Senior Services Committee meeting of October 12, 2018 as amended.

Motion carried, 8-0.

Absent: Creech, Saenz, Young

3. **REVIEW OF PRIOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

a. Description for NEXT

Mr. Valentine explained the DESC report talked about the 2013 survey that was conducted and some of the input that was received from the community on the request for service. Chairperson Rinschler added that a lot of the things that NEXT has implemented came out of that survey. That first group was very thorough and they offer a good base for this group to start out on.

b. Impact Report Summary

Chairperson Rinschler advised this is the NEXT annual report for 2017/2018. Everything in the general population is reflected in NEXT. The population is growing and all of the facilities are being over taxed.

Mr. Valentine noted it shows from a data perspective the increase in demand for service, the types of services that are demanded, and the funding that goes along with those services. Chairperson Rinschler added it also shows what a cost effective organization NEXT is.

c. Sample Interlocal Agreements

Mr. Valentine said these are examples of how the interlocal agreements work and how they are structured. Chairperson Rinschler observed there are two fundamental approaches:

- 1) The OPC approach where the communities all sign up as equal partners for the operating and capital costs; and
- 2) The Library approach where the City owns the building. Birmingham is responsible for everything and Beverly Hills and Bloomfield Hills have a contract for services. That works out great until there is a capital issue. He asked if after the OPC meeting they could have a lawyer draft what they think an interlocal agreement might look like. Everyone agreed. Mr. Valentine said it would be helpful for the group to share the areas that they want to have incorporated. Chairperson Rinschler was in favor of using the OPC structure.

Mr. Delaney thought as far as Beverly Hills is concerned people will ask what they are getting into and what it will cost them. Chairperson Rinschler indicated:

- He would be happy to get an agreement signed by all the municipalities that they agree this is their municipal responsibility and not the School Board's responsibility.
- The next step then is to move forward and define that municipal responsibility.
- Decide what happens if three of the four municipalities agree but one doesn't.
- Formalizing their current agreement is a good first step because presently there is no assurance of sustainability.
- The answer to the question of what the municipalities are signing up for is that it is basically what they have been doing all along, adjusted for inflation.

Mr. Valentine advised the next meeting will be a visit to the OPC to have an engaged conversation with them in terms of what works; what doesn't, and using the interlocal agreements as the basis for that conversation. Then come back and talk about drafting something that accomplishes their objectives, using the practical experience of the OPC.

Ms. Young thought that before going to the different councils more information will be needed because otherwise they risk negative pushback or lack of support in the early stage. Chairperson Rinschler advised that was done a while ago, but there was no formal vote by the municipalities. Also, he wondered if the School District can be included in the interlocal agreement, or does there have to be two separate agreements. The consensus was that the lawyers will be able to determine that.

Chairperson Rinschler asked that the latest NEXT annual report be forwarded to everyone.

Mr. Wilson pointed out if they are looking at taking an existing facility or making something else work, politically the location might be important. Mr. Delaney added it is more than just political. When dealing with senior citizens the location has to be centrally located and safe. Chairperson Rinschler observed that everyone is happy with Midvale, the current location. They have to make the assumption for the first step that Midvale is available. He hoped if the schools decide to sell the property that NEXT would be first in line to purchase it.

Ms. Guinn explained that part of what is happening now is that they have an interim superintendent in place. Currently there has been no discussion about Midvale. Those kinds of decisions would not be made overnight. Also, new board seats will be turning over in November.

Chairperson Rinschler suggested they have to make the decision to proceed on the assumption that Midvale is where they are for the foreseeable future unless there is a specific reason that something will happen to Midvale. Further, that decision should be formalized. Mr. Valentine added it is simply just formalizing an existing agreement with the public schools. Aside from that, they would still have a tangent going on to say what is the future of our needs for senior services, and where does that take us.

Ms. Guinn stated that because of their transition with superintendents a set of ideas needs to be explored by the new superintendent with the new board. This committee's homework is navigating around how to formalize the existing agreement.

Ms. Bordman said it is her understanding that the schools became involved to begin with because of the thinking that they are responsible for lifelong learning. That meant there is an obligation by the school system to provide a facility at the least and perhaps more than that to allow seniors an entree to learning and other extensions of what learning means.

Ms. Guinn noted that when you ask people about what are the primary features of the OPC in Rochester, it is known as an incredible exercise facility. What NEXT is known for is building incredible community. So when talking about what is our mission and our commitment to lifelong learning and inspiring their students to be lifelong learners, the current structure and manner in which NEXT is operating really does fulfill that mission.

They can speak to the interim superintendent about formalizing the status quo, and Mr. Valentine suggested that can happen after the next meeting but prior to the departure of the interim superintendent. As to who would need to be a part of that conversation, outside of Chris Braun and Adrienne Young Mr. Valentine said she should talk to himself, James Delaney and Chris Wilson and have that conversation collectively.

Chairman Rinschler said the State doesn't have any money for lifelong learning in their K-12 funding. NEXT did a financial study that said if they lose the school support NEXT would collapse in a year and a half. There are lots of practical things that say they don't have to change the relationship; they just have to formalize it so it can operate.

Ms. Young summarized how the goals can be conceptualized. One is the short term and one is the long term. The short term is to cement what they have into an official document. The long term is to adjust it to become a municipality model.

Chairman Rinschler noted that in documenting the current situation it is not only the relationship to the schools, it is the relationship to the municipality.

Ms. Guinn advised that the School District has gathered data on providing a centralized pre-school program with the continued option of neighborhood pre-school programs. However, they don't know if they would lose all of their neighborhood people if they were to fund a centralized birth to five building; and where that location would be. Because of their shift in leadership, the schools paused before sending a survey on the exact number of students that the centralized building might attract.

Mr. Valentine explained that NEXT is currently a contract provider for these services. What happens in the future is subject to this group formalizing how to move forward in the long term.

Chairperson Rinschler mentioned that the current legislative thinking about education in the public schools is that funding should stop after graduation from high school.

Ms. Bordman talked about how to formulate the lease. She thought the School District's mission as opposed to what the State's thinking is could form the basis of the lease.

4. DATE SELECTION - COMMITTEE MEETING AT OPC TO DISCUSS OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

November 20 at 10 a.m.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Ad Hoc Joint Senior Services Committee Proceedings
November 2, 2018

- a. 10/24/2018 Article: Rebranding The Senior Center: Cities and Towns Embrace Boomers, Multigenerational Programs
- b. Why the OPC Is The Place to Be
- c. People Over 50 Fact Sheet
- d. Home Accessibility Means A Place To Age
- e. September 2016 Report: The Longevity Economy
- f. 7 Incredible Facts About Boomers
- g. Aging In Place Local Government Toolkit

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (none)

7. ADJOURNMENT

No further business being evident, the Committee adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Carole Salutes, Recording Secretary