Advisory Council (AC) members attending: Chair Bob Barrett, Mary Alice Bisbee, Mary Carlson, Bill Doelger, Dianne Maccario, Laura Morse, Suzi Swanson, and Robert Youngberg. Not attending were Renea Bordeau and Barbara Dall.

The quorum requirement (6) was met.

Others present: MSAC Director Janna Clar, Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer, and Community Services Office Manager Norma Maurice.

**Action on AC Meeting Minutes:**

- The AC voted to accept draft 1 of the July 13, 2020 minutes as presented.

**Discussions:**

- **Staff News:** Janna alerted AC members that FEAST program manager Jessica Sanderson has been in the hospital since having a stroke two days earlier.

- **AC Member List:** The roster in the August newsletter was outdated; Fran Krushenick and Liz Dodd had retired from the Council, and Renea Bordeau and Robert Youngberg were added. Janna agreed to post a correction and ensure the roster is accurate in the September issue.

- **MSAC Reopening:** The August newsletter was packed with details about expectations and procedures for the August 10 "soft" reopening, changes to the registration process for fall classes, and the variety of drop-in groups and other program activities currently or soon to be offered. MSAC will funnel its customers into the building via the side door to allow for proper Covid screening, one of the safety protocols outlined in the newsletter. MSAC is sending a memo to upstairs tenants, who use that entrance, advising them of the safety protocols. MSAC will try one outdoor lunch for maximum of 20 participants. The film event is postponed to September and will take place at the City pool site to allow mixed-age participation. Janna and Harry are reviewing instructor feedback. They anticipate about 30 classes, of which 20 will be online. If registrations exceed capacity for a class, participants will be chosen by lottery rather than by the traditional first come, first served method. Fees will be a bit higher; some instructors are paid, some volunteer, and some requested an increase, similar to previous patterns. MSAC may need to buy new equipment and retrieve equipment that was loaned over the summer, such as Bone Builders weights. Mary Alice suggested MSAC request donations rather than setting equipment fees and expecting those who cannot afford the fees to request scholarships. MSAC will hold two Bone Builders beginner sessions at the pool pavilion to teach the proper procedures for performing the exercises without risking personal injury, since it is difficult for instructors to monitor everyone's movements in a Zoom session. Bob will ask Green Mountain Community Fitness (formerly First In Fitness), which offers a senior discount, about the feasibility of their offering an additional discount to MSAC members.

- **Committee Assignments:** Part C of the Governance describes the standing MSAC committees (Program, Membership & Hospitality, Fundraising, Finance). Chair Bob Barrett asked AC members to advise him by August 10 which two committees they want to serve on. The telephone wellness checking initiative will fall into the domain of the Membership & Hospitality...
committee, which will include VISTA Chet Cienkowski. People who offered to help make those calls include Mary Alice Bisbee, Dianne Maccario, Bill Doelger (who will be away for 2 weeks in September), Suzi Swanson, Barb Dall, and Fran Krushenick. Becca is now off furlough and available to work with the fundraising committee. It was suggested that the ad hoc Safety Committee be blended into the Membership/Hospitality Committee since their concerns overlap. Janna will ask Chet to convene a Zoom meeting for that Committee. MSAC will be working with the Central VT Council on Aging (CVCOA) and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to design the wellness checking project, and starting next month, members wanting regular calls can be referred to CVCOA's "Friendly Caller" program,

- **Status of Americorps Positions**: So far MSAC has received only two applications for the Aging in Place Coordinator position that starts September 9, dividing hours between supporting the FEAST program and working with the Village Project and other partners. Meanwhile, dozens have applied for the VISTA Youth & Intergenerational Initiatives Assistant position, a restructured version of the position now held by Chet Cienkowski.

**Next Advisory Council Meetings** *(Please note adjusted times)*

- 10:30 – 11:30 am on Monday, August 24, 2020, via Zoom.
- 10:30 – noon on Monday, September 14, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted: *Mary Carlson, scribe du jour*