

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
FARMINGTON CITY OFFICES
23600 LIBERTY STREET
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER JANE FROST AT 5:33

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BUCHAN, LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CARL CHRISTOPH, CHUCK COLLINS, DAN FANTORE, JANE FROST, COLLEEN KASHAWLIC, LINDA LEE, KATHERINE MARSHALL, JULIE MCCOWAN, MARIAN SCHULTE, KARINA WEGLARZ

MEMBERS ABSENT: NANCY COOK

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion by C. Collins
- Support by L. Champagne
- Motion to approve as published.
- Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Jane Frost reported that the January minutes should be amended. Under Community for a Lifetime, item 5 should read media, social media rather than support initiative.
- Motion to approve as amended: L. Champagne
- Support by M. Schulte
- Motion carried unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website:

- Spelling of member's names will be corrected.
- Approved copies will replace drafts of meeting minutes.
- C. Collins will have pictures from the Volunteer Breakfast available for the website

Education:

- M. Schulte reported on program featuring Chuck Gaidica on April 10. Cost will be \$5 and includes lunch which will not be subsidized by government funds.
- M. Schulte filmed a PSA promoting the April 10 program.

City Council Reports:

- M. Koet, C. Christoph and J. Frost will report to city councils. No date set.

Community for a Lifetime:

- Some discussion of walkability
- J. Frost and K. Marshall presented ideas for publicizing support resources for caregivers of dementia patients. They are considering a weekly advice column in a local newspaper.

- J. McCowan and L. Champagne will contact police departments to gather information on financial exploitation of seniors. They plan to compile a list of warning signs that bank tellers could use if they suspect a senior is being forced to withdraw funds.
- L. Lee shared the welcome news that Oakland County Extension has assigned a horticultural educator, Kristine Hahn, an MSU educator, to assist in commission's efforts to establish a community garden. She plans to meet with the commission and make presentations at Farmington libraries to ascertain what the community wants in a shared garden. Choice of site will be determined after all necessary criteria are established.

Resource Directory:

- C.Kashawlic will seek bids for printing of the directory. She would like to categorize selections on the website to make the directory easier to use.
- Cost of placing an ad in the directory was discussed. Further research is needed.

Volunteer Recognition:

- Nomination forms for awards were shared and discussed. The commission chose the following:
- Maggie Loridas Diamond Award: Fay Jacobs
- Motion by C. Christoph, support by C.Collins. Motion carried unanimously
- Gold Award: Terry Deichert
- Motion by L.Champagne, support by C.Collins. Motion carried unanimously.
- It was decided that the Community Commitment Award would not be awarded until 2019.
- There is a need for musical entertainment for the breakfast. Contact Marsha with suggestions.

Senior Division Report:

- Shredding will be held on March 6. Limit 4 bags. Come at 10:30 rather than 10:00.
- Forty-five people have already purchased Chuck Gaidica tickets.
- Surprise Health Department Inspection yielded stars in all categories.
- M. Koet commented on the devotion of her staff. On Friday, February 9, 2018, when heavy snow made normal deliveries impossible, all 185 Meals on Wheels clients were contacted by phone to be sure they were safe and had food for the weekend. Staff members took food to those who needed it.

Old Business:

- Officers for the new year were chosen by acclamation: Chairperson: N.Cook, Co-chair: M. Schulte, Secretary: M.Buchan
- A letter from Jeanne Atkinson, former chairperson, was read to the group.

New Business:

- Commissioner Marian Schulte was notified that she will be awarded a PhD. In Health Education. Congratulations.

Ambassador Reports:

- Parks and Rec. C. Christoph reported that plans for Harrison High dominate the meetings
- Chamber of Commerce: C.Kashawlic invites anyone looking to grow a business in the Farmington area to attend meetings which are usually held on the 1st Thursday at 7:45 at the C.A.R.E.S. facility on Shiawassee. An elder law attorney is needed. This is an opportunity for businesses to network.

J. McCowan announced that the Oakland County Bar Association will hold an event on March 5 at 5:30 at the Farmington Hills Public Library.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6: 44. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 27 at the Farmington City Offices.

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary