

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Minutes

In attendance: Gail Londergan, Sue Owens, Lauren Cowan, Courtney Stewart, Mary Boutain, Julie Hill, Jeanne May, Jack Kahn, and Lei Gong

1. Meeting was called to order by Lauren Cowan.
2. Lauren Cowan introduced Lei Gong as a newly appointed commissioner and announced that one more will be elected by City Council, in the future.
3. Approval of Minutes – Lauren Cowan began discussion on approval of minutes. Everyone approved of the minutes, and the discussion concluded.
4. Liaison Report – Sue Owens reported that the balance of CoA is \$3515. Lauren Cowan then discussed CoA sponsoring a focus group that wants to display posters at City Hall.
5. Initiative Updates – Lauren Cowan discussed tabling the Initiative Update conversation for the next meeting, except for the Creative Aging Festival discussion, due to the absence of another commissioner. Lauren Cowan then announced that she created a list of Festival Initiatives & Projects and asked for everyone to look over the list to add anything, if necessary. Lauren Cowan also announced that Julie Hill needed help with the Festival Task Assignments and asked that every commissioner help with a task. Julie Hill then began talking about the Festival Task Assignments. Everyone then proceeded to sign up for tasks. Lauren Cowan also discussed advertising for hOURBloomington Timebank at one of the tables at the Festival.
6. Other Agency Information – Lauren Cowan talked about having the Active Aging Coalition featured at the 50+ Expo. Jeanne May then discussed the Active Aging Coalition and later accepted the position of liaison for the Coalition. Afterwards, Julie Hill talked about booths at the 50+ Expo and having interactive pieces for the booths. Mary Boutain then discussed Julie Hill's list of Senior Housing in Bloomington and asked for members of CoA to send updates to Julie. Later, Lauren Cowan talked about the Affordable Living Study Group and offered to go through their reports.
7. New Business – Gail Londergan discussed the renewal of CoA's membership in the Arts Alliance for \$45. Julie Hill motioned to renew the membership, which was seconded by Lauren Cowan. Everyone approved of the motion. Gail Londergan then discussed ACHIEVE's Think Tank event, on April 6th, where the Community Health Needs Assessment Survey results will be shared. Courtney Stewart announced that she would be attending the event; and, Gail Londergan and Julie Hill also announced that they would attend the event, if the Festival meeting were moved.
8. Old Business – Lauren Cowan tabled Susan Snider Salmon's discussion on having the CoA listed in the Retirement Guide distributed by Visit Bloomington. Lauren Cowan then discussed having a Box account for CoA, and Gail Londergan suggested to table the discussion. Afterwards, Mary Boutain discussed the need for "Navigating the Caregiver Challenge" panelists.
9. Motion to adjourn by Jack Kahn at 5:53 PM.