

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING  
Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
Minutes

In attendance: Lauren Cowan, Alice Oestreich, Courtney Stewart, Gail Londergan, Julie Hill, and Jack Kahn Also present: Sue Owens, Liaison and Pooja Patel, Recorder

Guest(s): Tonia Matthew, Sophia Hauserman, Jeanne May, and Sharon Martin

1. Meeting was called to order by Lauren Cowan.

2. Approval of Minutes –approved as submitted.

3. Liaison Report – Sue Owens reported that the balance of CoA is \$2956.76. One donation of \$250 was received; fee for graphic designer and invoice for printing the Creative Aging Festival programs have been paid.

A list of Commission members as of April 2016 was distributed.

4. Initiative Updates –

Julie Hill reported that the guides for the **Creative Aging Festival** have been printed and distributed; calendars will be distributed during the last week of April and the first week of May. We hope to print more conference brochures for doctors' offices and nursing homes. In the future, we should put the City of Bloomington logo on the conference brochures.

Julie distributed copy of flier for The Art of Aging event on May 20-21.

Alice Oestreich updated about photographer for events; we will offer \$100 and also ask ambassadors to take a few cell phone pictures at events.

Lauren Cowan supported Gail's suggestion to partner with the Arts Commission. A subcommittee (Julie Hill, Gail Londergan, and Jim Shelton) will work on details for this.

Gail Londergan then gave new Commissioners an overview of the three projects that the Commission has undertaken in response to the **July 2015 WHCOA**. She noted that WHCOA is held only once per decade, so it is important to make use of the ideas and resources it produces. Two of the Commission's WHCOA projects already have been completed: *the WHCOA Watch Party* on July 13, 2015, and *the Best Cities for Successful Aging (BCFSA) Report*. The BCFSA report was sent to Mayor Hamilton in January 2016, and in March he signed the BCFSA Pledge. Londergan added that the Pledge provides useful talking points for future meetings with the Mayor. The third is *the WHCOA Policy Briefs Project*, currently in progress. All new Commissioners will be able to participate in this project, which focuses on the four key policy areas identified by WHCOA.

5. Other Agency Information –

Lauren Cowan tabled the discussion on how to streamline Agency Updates. Alice Oestreich suggested having everyone write a brief update on their agency before each meeting in order to conserve time.

Jack Kahn gave an update on City Council and discussed how they want to clarify how historic landmarks/homes in Bloomington are designated.

Jeanne May gave an update on the Active Aging Coalition; and, she discussed working with Gail Londergan to tie in the Active Living Coalition and a new survey on meaningful topics for participants.

Jack Kahn also gave an update on the Adult Guardianship Volunteer Committee and announced that they swore in four new guardians. The group meets on fourth Tuesday of each month at Perry Township building on S. Walnut St.

Gail Londergan gave an update on the Active Living Coalition and passed out a request to participate in their Health Fair on May 21. Because the date conflicts with CAF events, we will not participate this year but resolved that CoA was still open to participating in the future.

Lauren Cowan gave an update on the Affordable Living Study Group.

For Sally's Place, Sophia Hauserman reported they have speakers and discussions regularly. She also asked if CoA needed help with tabling at the 50+ Expo and if they could include materials on a table, as well. Everyone said "yes" to including materials on a table at the Expo.

#### 6. New Business –

Julie Hill talked about CoA's inclusion in the Visit Bloomington guide. We will not pursue this question.

Julie also requested permission to distribute a Holistic Perspective on Aging questionnaire at our 50+ Expo table. Suggestions were given to clarify how to complete the form as well as how it will be used.

Courtney Stewart gave a review of the Community Health Think Tank event and passed around a summary of the results of the Indiana Community Health Needs Assessment.

#### 7. Motion to adjourn by Jack Kahn at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pooja Patel, Recorder