

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
 COMMISSION ON AGING
 Tuesday, May 10, 2016
 Minutes

In attendance: Lauren Cowan, Alice Oestreich, Courtney Stewart, Gail Londergan, Julie Hill, Lei Gong, Jim Shelton, Mary Boutain, Jack Kahn and Sue Owens, City Liaison

Guest(s): Antonia Matthew and Sophia Hauserman, Sally's Place

1. Meeting was called to order by Lauren Cowan, who verified quorum was present. Each commissioner and visitor was introduced. CoA badges were given to new commissioners.

2. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2016– Motion to approve as submitted by Alice, seconded by Jack; unanimously approved.

3. Liaison Report – Sue Owens reported expenditures for graphic designer (\$825) and invoice for printing the Creative Aging Festival mini-flyers (\$115) -- balance is \$2841.76.

Sue also clarified required information for CoA minutes:

(1) List names of commissioners who sent regrets or who are absent;

(2) Regarding expenditures, correct wording is: move to request approval for payment of (invoices).

4. Initiative Updates –

CREATIVE AGING FESTIVAL (CAF): Julie Hill complimented the organizers for the terrific CAF kick-off event at Monroe History Center last Friday. Please collect the evaluation forms for CAF events and return to Sue Owens.

Julie will set a 2016 CAF “wrap” discussion party for June—date TBA.

Regarding pursuit of collaboration with the Bloomington Arts Commission (BAC), Gail Londergan distributed a brief overview. Commission authorized Gail to send the BAC commissioners each a CAF guide with a note inviting them to attend events of interest so that they might be familiar with this festival.

Julie emailed a complaint to the National Center for Creative Aging (NCCA) because they failed to include CAF on their website list of events. (Julie had twice provided them with information.) What good is our membership fee if we don't get services and support? Lauren asked Julie to provide us a follow-up report on this in June.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING POLICY BRIEFS: Gail Londergan reported that the schedule for the remaining two WHCOA Policy Brief Project presentations has been revised to allow for more preparation time. Mary Boutain, Lei Gong, and Courtney Stewart will present on *Elder Justice* in June. Julie Hill, Jack Kahn, and Jim Shelton will present on *Healthy Aging* in July. In August, Gail and Alice Oestreich will facilitate a discussion of how CoA should move forward with what we've learned from studying all four of the WHCOA policy brief areas. That discussion will include the two already covered at Commission meetings in December (*Retirement Security*) and February (*Long Term Services and Supports*).

5. Other Agency Information –

CITY COUNCIL: no report

ACTIVE AGING COALITION: Next meeting on May 19, 11:30 am at Bell Trace will have Joe Lee sharing his stories.

VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES FOR SENIORS OR INCAPACITATED ADULTS (VASIA): Jack Kahn said this Adult Guardianship Program offered through Area 10 Agency on Aging is growing to include Owen County. The advisory group meets on fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am at Perry Township building on S. Walnut St.

ACTIVE LIVING COALITION: Gail Londergan said this group hopes to plan next year's Health Fair as an event in the 2017 Creative Aging Festival. As usual, she will email to Commissioners any notices about events/activities.

AFFORDABLE LIVING STUDY GROUP: Lauren Cowan requested assistance to review data and the City's Growth Policy Plan and to make recommendations to Plan Commission that will address needs of seniors. Volunteers Courtney Stewart, Jim Shelton, Gail Londergan, Mary Boutain, and Jack Kahn will join her. These meetings will be advertised and open to the public.

SALLY'S PLACE: Sophia Hauserman and Antonia Matthew shared current status of this project. Possible solutions about lack of attendance growth and lack of movement toward establishing a Senior Center for Bloomington were discussed.

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION: Gail shared information within CAF report.

6. Old Business

Jack Kahn reviewed responsibilities of commissioners for 50+ Expo on Wednesday, May 11.

7. New Business

- A. Lauren tabled discussion about advocacy to coincide with our discussion about initiatives.
- B. Lauren shared information about NCCA mini-conference that will happen on May 18 in Ohio.
- C. Lauren will set a date for meeting to discuss initiatives that the CoA wishes to pursue. She asked each Commissioner to be thinking about which initiatives we want to pursue.

8. Announcements from Commissioners

- A. Courtney Stewart invited all commissioners to attend the Area 10 on Aging Agency Benefit Breakfast on Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 to 9:00 am at Bell Trace. Donation of \$100 per person is suggested. Please email Courtney to register: cstewart@area10agency.org
- B. Gail Londergan shared Senior Resource Guide published by Herald-Times at end of March. Alice moved, Mary seconded that Gail pursue with the editor of this brochure how Commission can be involved with publication of the 2017 guide. Motion approved unanimously.
- C. Julie announced that TRIAD is again offering the collection of unwanted medication program.

9. Motion to adjourn by Jack Kahn at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Oestreich, Secretary

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