

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Minutes

In attendance: Jim Shelton, Sue Owens, Lauren Cowan, Gail Londergan, Jack Kahn, Lei Gong, and Julie Hill

1. Meeting was called to order by Lauren Cowan. Afterwards, Lauren Cowan noted that there was a quorum. Everyone voted on the quorum; and, ultimately, there was a motion to approve of the quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes – Lauren Cowan began the meeting with a discussion on approval of minutes. Everyone approved of the minutes, and the discussion concluded.

3. Liaison Report – Sue Owens reported that the balance of CoA is \$2481.46. Sue Owens also explained that the Commission can make requests for money to spend and clarified that if a request is made for something budgetary, then the Commission makes the request but doesn't actually approve on it.

4. Input From Newly Appointed Commissioners – Lauren Cowan asked Lei Gong and Jim Shelton if they had any questions regarding their positions and if they needed an orientation for clarification purposes. Lei Gong reported confusion in regard to the relationships with other organizations and in regard to the White House briefings, as well. Jim Shelton said there was some confusion with the Creative Aging Festival and with relationships to other organizations, as well. Everyone discussed how to make things clearer for the new commissioners. Gail Londergan distributed a draft list defining some of the most common acronyms and abbreviations used during Commission meetings. She invited all Commissioners to suggest additions to this list, as needed.

5. WHCOA presentations and picking new Commission initiatives -- Lauren Cowan announced that they would like to have the two remaining WHCOA presentations in July, so that CoA could discuss initiatives in August. Lauren Cowan also wanted to discuss the subcommittee for the Affordable Living Study Group and talked about how she believes that CoA should ask for an audience with this group. Lauren Cowan stated that she wanted to discuss it more for the September meeting. Finally, Lauren Cowan suggested having a facilitator for an upcoming meeting, in order to efficiently pick initiatives that the commissioners are interested in. Gail Londergan indicated that she and Alice Oestreich had worked up a table to use in summarizing comments made by all four of the WHCOA Policy Brief Project teams. She offered to bring copies of the completed table to the July meeting if the remaining two teams (Elder Justice and Healthy Aging) could send their responses to the five questions in advance. She will send out an email reminding everyone about this.

6. Initiative Updates – Julie Hill passed out the 2016 CAF Wrap Meeting Agenda and announced that there could only be four CoA members at the meeting. Julie Hill also elaborated on the details of the upcoming meeting and the objectives and stakeholders for the Creative Aging Festival, as well. Everyone discussed the future of the Creative Aging Festival and how to plan out the timelines for the next festival. Then, Jack Kahn discussed how he went to the City Council meeting and listened to their discussion on the safety tax.

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Jack Kahn reported that the council ended up passing the safety tax. Jack Kahn and Jim Shelton talked about how the tax council must now decide what to do with some of the money from the tax. Following this, Lauren Cowan announced that the Active Aging Coalition meeting was going to take place on Thursday (June 16th) at Bell Trace. Lauren Cowan also stated that the topic for the meeting would be the Monroe County Civic Theatre. Then, Jack Kahn reported that the Adult Guardianship Volunteer Committee was moving ahead. Jack Kahn also reported that Owen County was ramping up and that there was an upcoming meeting, as well. Afterwards, Lauren Cowan gave an update on the Affordable Living Study Group and said that she would contact her subcommittee. Lauren Cowan also discussed the group's Box account. Finally, Gail Londergan talked about the BAC. Gail Londergan stated that she has been in a few meetings with Sean and said that he requested a meeting with the Arts Alliance Board. Gail Londergan also said that she gave him both a Creative Aging Festival program guide and a commission brochure.

7. New Business – Lauren Cowan reported that the tabling that Sophia Hauserman has been doing requires a serving/active commissioner. Lauren Cowan also stated that she wanted to discuss the Farmer's Market presence and its future with CoA at the August meeting. Lauren Cowan also suggested having a discussion about the Senior Center at the August meeting. Following this, Lauren Cowan mentioned that Chris Sturbaum was going before the City Council to argue that commissions should be able to choose their own advocates.

8. Motion to adjourn by Jack Kahn at 5:57 PM.