

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Minutes

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

1. Meeting was called to order by Lauren Cowan, who noted that there was a quorum. There was no introduction of guests.
2. Approval of Minutes – Lauren Cowan began the meeting with a discussion on approval of minutes. The minutes for September 13th were changed to add a quorum. The minutes for October 5th were changed to fix the date on item number five from October 19th to October 17th. Afterwards, everyone approved of the minutes, and the discussion concluded.
3. Liaison Report – Sue Owens reported that the balance of CoA is \$2433.24 and said that there was no change to the budget. Sue Owens also announced that three commissioners' terms will expire soon (Jack Kahn, Gail Londergan, and Lauren Cowan).
4. Review and Approval of Comprehensive Master Plan Report – Lauren Cowan talked about CoA's continuation with the Creative Aging Festival and then discussed the commentary on the Comprehensive Master Plan. Everyone began a discussion on the Comprehensive Master Plan and edited it, as needed. Everyone also agreed upon giving Gail Londergan a paper copy of the edits. There was a motion to approve the Comprehensive Master Plan amendments. The motion was approved. Gail Londergan then asked if CoA wanted to request an endorsement from the Environmental Commission, in regard to the Comprehensive Master Plan.
5. Initiatives in 2017 – Lauren Cowan discussed CoA's involvement with the Creative Aging Festival. Julie Hill proposed to step down from the Chair of the Festival, in order to focus on new initiatives. Lauren Cowan then proposed to call the Creative Aging Festival the Creative Aging Initiative, in order to hold on to the "creative aging" aspect rather than the festival itself. Everyone then discussed the Festival and the idea of the new initiative. Lauren Cowan also talked about following up on the Mayor's Pledge and called for a discussion on what each department is doing for the older adult community, in order to see if any departments would want to partner with CoA. Everyone then discussed other initiatives and the material in the "Specific Proposals" document.
6. New Business/Announcements from Commissioners – Julie Hill passed out the "Poetry Matters: Aging with Creativity" document. Afterwards, Lauren Cowan talked about having a method for bringing up issues at future CoA meetings. Then, Gail Londergan asked for help with the "Guide to Support for Our Aging Community". Mary Boutain and Courtney Stewart volunteered to help. Following that, Julie Hill discussed having senior programming in the newspaper. Finally, Lei Gong suggested having one long-term goal, or "centerpiece", for the Commission to work on.
7. Motion to adjourn at 6:07 PM.