

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Minutes

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

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. Gail Londergan suggested to cross off the last sentence of item #4. The minutes were changed to reflect this suggestion. Afterwards, everyone approved of the minutes, and the discussion concluded.
3. Liaison Report – Sue Owens reported that project funding available is \$2,433.24. Owens shared that Mayor Hamilton reviewed “Best Cities for Successful Aging” and asked to have some bullets added to it. Lauren Cowan then discussed what was added.
4. 2016-2017 Initiatives – Lauren Cowan talked about initiatives and discussed the “Strategic Planning” document as a proposal for how to move forward. Lauren Cowan then discussed the items on the document. Lauren Cowan also focused on building strong relationships and getting CoA’s name out there. Afterwards, everyone weighed in on the initiative goals proposal, discussed the items on the document, and made suggestions. Lauren Cowan asked that each CoA member talk to at least two entities and come up with a list of questions to ask them. Everyone discussed this matter, and each member chose specific entities to speak to. Following this, Lauren Cowan spoke about having more diversity on the commission and having recommendations for associates for the next meeting. Finally, everyone came up with questions to ask their chosen entities.
5. Old Business & New Business – Gail Londergan discussed the “A10AA-AAC-COA Guide”. Lauren Cowan then announced that there was a meeting to discuss the future of the Creative Aging Festival. Julie Hill talked about the e-mail that was passed out to all of the members, the e-mail’s contents, and the future of the festival. Lauren Cowan added that there were no stakeholders willing to take on the festival. Lauren Cowan also suggested that CoA needed to think about a strong program to offer in May. Everyone discussed the situation and made suggestions. Everyone also discussed Poetry Matters and Meals on Wheels. Finally, Gail Londergan talked about the Eco-Heroes Contest and the proposal to introduce both an adult category and a senior category. Gail Londergan asked if CoA wanted to cooperate on the project and have any affiliation with it. Everyone discussed the possibility of incorporating the opportunity as a new initiative. Sue Owens suggested to have a structure and guidelines in place first, before deciding on any new initiatives.
6. Motion to adjourn at 6:06 PM.