

Commission on Aging Minutes - October 10, 2017

Present: Phil Stafford, Lauren Cowan, Jack Kahn, Julie Hill, Gail Londergan, Libby Dawson, Amy O'Brien and Sue Owens (Staff Liaison).

1. Meeting was called to order by Phil Stafford (Chair Denise Lessow was absent).

2. LIAISON REPORT- current budget available is \$2,383.07.

ADD TO NEW BUSINESS- 2017 Annual Report.

Phil moved to extend appreciation to departing member, Courtney Stewart for her contribution/work and impact on the work of CoA. Phil moved, seconded by Jack.

3. OLD BUSINESS - Jack Kahn asked to be added to list of attendees at the CMP subcommittee review.

Julie Hill clarified that she is supportive of the phrase 'Lifetime Community' but not of adopting the formal phrase and believes the CoA should focus on one district at a time instead of Bloomington as a whole.

Gail Londergan corrected guest speaker's name in September minutes from Mick to Nick.

- A. Phil - update on Comprehensive Plan-The land use amendments focus area for strategy is the 'urban village' concept. Call for public input to the old BHOS district. Another meeting to be held in October and final to be November 15. Call for wider use of 'universal design' (submitted by Debra Myerson) in affordable housing, not restricted to accessibility.
- B. Julie/Lauren - update on Creative Aging Initiative-John Kay & Lisa Huber to meet with Julie this week. November 8th Folk Art @ Mathers Museum to start. Part of the exhibit will feature a door ledge similar to those in AL that tell the senior's story. Julie asked members to attend an event reception on 11/8, she will send details in a follow up email.
- C. Train the Trainer - U of Indy infusing art into LTC. Jack, Julie and Lauren to discuss the use of art in facilities and then in private homes.
- D. Last weekend Julie attended a training at the U of Indy Health Dept entitled "Infusing Art into Long Term Care" where she learned that others are now joining the idea of a Creating Aging Festival. Julie asked that the CoA recognize seniors who contributed to the arts.
- E. Gail - update on data. Would like to explore the raw data from the City Survey. Very interested in senior age group and their responses. Deputy Mayor Mick Renneisen offered to provide a copy of the supplemental report. Mary Katherine Carmichael may assign an intern to help assimilate information in the report. Gail will make the request.

4. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Gail suggested we table this part of the agenda (CoA Key messages/communication) until Denise returns/agreed upon by all in attendance. Julie handed out the Holistic Perspective that she had ready for tonight's agenda. Briefly discussed task force/sub committees and the role they serve to COA.

B. Gail will begin prep for the 2017 Annual Report thus creating a first draft. Gail will follow last year's format for the 2017 annual report. She will send members a bio form to complete and return to her.

Moved by Gail, seconded by Jack

C. Julie made a motion to create a task force to explore the role of COA in providing leadership for the development of a community center. Seconded by Lauren. Discussion followed on who will be on this task force. A lot of interest from CoA members.

D. Gail made a motion to extend the November meeting to 6:30 to allow for further discussion of Denise's plan for messaging/communications. Seconded by Amy.

E. Topic of concern - what is our leadership role as a commission? Fact gathering was mentioned along with messaging/communication.

Motion to Adjourn by Jack, Lauren seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Libby Dawson