

Commission on Aging – Minutes for December 12, 2017

Present: Phil Stafford, Lauren Cowan, Libby Dawson, Julie Hill, Jack Kahn, Gail Londergan, Denise Lessow, Sue Owens (Staff Liaison)

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Denise
 - b. The November Minutes, with one minor change to wording in New Business, were approved on Julie's motion and Lauren's second
 - c. The group brainstormed additional COA members who should be encouraged to apply.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Julie received a standing ovation for her service to COA
 - b. Gail was thanked for her outstanding work on the Annual Report by Denise
3. LIAISON REPORT
 - a. No report
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Phil provided an update on the CMP and his testimony on multi-family housing, along with noting changes in dates for January
 - b. Affordable Living for Seniors: No report
 - c. Data: Gail reported that we are still waiting to hear about our data extraction request to identify senior-specific responses.
 - d. "Programmatic or Physical" Senior Center: Julie and working committee members presented the highlights of their conversation, including some history around the idea of having a community senior center. The committee would like to draft a letter to the Mayor requesting the appointment of a Task Force on this issue. Denise and others agree that we need to do a little more groundwork first and create a case statement, and talk to like-minded organizations.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Members met in two roundtable discussions around the new working committees, including Creative Aging, Affordable Living for Seniors, Data, and the Senior Center
 - b. After the roundtable discussions, the Commission held a group discussion. The benefit of developing a centralized way to promote senior activities, and/or establish a mailing list or means of contacting seniors, was discussed and seen as a priority. The group also discussed some ideas for CAI including Senior Month (May), a film festival, seniors and entrepreneurship, a mini festival working with the arts alliance, programs on food and nutrition with Area 10, an eco-heroes contest, and (eventually) hosting a conference. The data group recommended that, if necessary, we identify an outside party able to do the data extraction, and then request the entire set of raw data from the City.
 - c. Acceptance of Annual Report. Gail introduced the Annual Report and made a motion to accept it. Jack seconded and the report was accepted unanimously.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:32pm

Respectfully submitted by Denise Lessow