

Commission on Aging – Minutes for January 7, 2019

In attendance: Phil Stafford, Lauren Cowan, Yonda Snyder, Jack Kahn, Libby Dawson, Gail Londergan, Sue Owens (staff liaison)

1. Call to order

- a. Meeting called to order by Stafford. Verified quorum. Motion to approve minutes Kahn, second by Dawson. Approved as written.
- b. Announcements: Stafford circulated a copy of his new book *The Global Age-friendly Community Movement*, available for reading on a round robin basis. Lauren Cowan announced that this will be her last meeting as a Commissioner as she is resigning to concentrate on her business. She discussed her increasing involvement with the development of affordable and accessible housing for seniors. The Commissioners applauded and offered their utmost appreciation for her service. Jack Kahn remains as the sole original member.

2. Liaison report

- a. No report for this period
- b. Phil inquired as to the origin of the COA budget. It is currently constituted by funds raised in earlier years. Commissions do not receive standard allocations.

3. Old business

- a. Annual Report: Sue circulated the current draft and Gail reported on the feedback received. She moved approval of the report with typos corrected, and removal of a phrase regarding changes to the COA website, specifically, deletion of obsolete sections and repair of an included web link. Kahn seconded, motion approved with unanimous support. The report will be sent to the Director of Community and Family Services for approval and, with approval, the City Council. A discussion with the Mayor about the report and coming activities will occur in a future meeting.
- b. Lifetime Communities
 - i. The Dementia-friendly Bloomington report is still in production. Phil represents COA at the d-f steering group meetings.
- c. Comp Plan and UDO: Jack and Phil reported that the first complete draft of the UDO will be available for review in late January, with public comment thereafter. Phil reported on inquiries he has made to improve the capability of the city UDO website to represent the universe of public comments received, including the COA report. The COA will continue to

comment and participate in community discussions of the UDO as well as the hospital re-use.

4. **New Business:** Continued conversation regarding 2019 goals
 - a. Community/Senior Center: The COA remains committed to a leadership role in helping facilitate discussions and representing senior voices. As a first step, Stafford will contact Paula McDevitt, Director of Parks and Rec., to the February meeting to discuss the city's current position.
 - b. Data: Digital information tools: The COA discussed the idea for spurring the development of an online information resource regarding activities of all kinds for seniors. Three potential partner organizations are Area 10, Monroe County Public Library and WTIU. Libby will explore their interest.
 - c. Creative Aging: The COA will continue to explore the creation of a film series on aging, perhaps in conjunction with the anticipated screening of a film sponsored by the Dementia-friendly initiative. Libby will explore options.
 - d. Lifetime Communities: Phil provided an update on activities around the development of a "pop-up" intergenerational play street on Morton between First and Second. He reported on a productive meeting with the Chair of the Commission on Children and Youth as a potential supporter and partner. Paula McDevitt will be contacted for her support. He noted that a graduate student on the project will be submitting a proposal to AARP for potential financial support.
 - e. Additional outreach:
 - i. Potential COA sponsored workshop on Fraud Prevention. Phil noted he has been contacted by Gail Trout regarding her presentation of a workshop on the topic. Yonda noted the prospect of tying this to the evidence-based program called Money Smart. She will explore with Gail.
 - ii. Phil presents to the IU Retirees Association Jan. 19 on the subject of "stuff" – material possessions and what they mean to us.
 - iii. Phil will provide a talk to Meadowood residents in March.
 - iv. Phil noted a new group entitled the Quality of Place/Workforce Attraction project and suggested that COA can play a role in assuring that the subject's relation to aging and older entrepreneurs is taken up by the group.
5. **Motion to adjourn** by Jack, seconded by Gail. Meeting adjourned, 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Stafford

