

June 11, 2019 - Commission on Aging

Present: Phil, Gail, Ron, Jenny, Yonda  
City Staff: Beverly Calender-Anderson

Gail moved and Yonda seconded approval of May meeting minutes.

#### Announcements

1. Phil and Julie Hill visited KY for workshop on creative aging festivals. Big take away is that creative aging is not defined solely by the arts but by taking a creative approach to the challenges and opportunities presented by an aging population.
2. Mathers Event - Creative Aging Summit - Thursday, June 13 from 12:30-3:30.
3. Housing and Neighborhood Development public meetings June 11-June 12 in service to the five year plan for HUD funding.
4. Poster for July 4 float by Bloomington Human Rights Commission. Gail produced a mock up based on the COA pin. Sue would arrange for printing once Beverly approved.

#### Liaison Report (Beverly)

1. Endwright East opening June 18. Open house and ribbon cutting on June 20. Site is in the former Payless shoe store site in the College Mall. City has developed application for scholarships. Area Ten is assembling a program schedule.

#### Old Business

1. No updates on Lifetime Communities
2. Comments submitted on UDO and a draft is forthcoming. Will just keep in agenda for future.
3. WTIU Conference on Aging
  - a. Finalized handouts
    - i. Summary of the documentary to be shown
    - ii. Distillation of programs that exist within Bloomington. Corrections made by group
    - iii. Sign-up sheet for electronic copy of handout and optional list serve subscription to CoA newsletter.
  - b. Lively discussion of the need to focus on promoting awareness of senior concerns vs. promotion of commission itself.
  - c. Additional discussion of a fourth document - programs for future consideration and development in Bloomington. One use for this might be to gather input to develop priorities for coming year. This became a discussion about developing a process for gathering input to create a plan that might be owned collectively

by groups within the city that the Commission could use as a framework for ongoing advocacy and support:

- i. How to connect older Bloomington residents to ways that they can participate, contribute and be supported?
  - ii. All city commissions share concern for quality of life within Bloomington - is there an opportunity to cross-pollinate? Proposal for a city commission summit - up until now there has been only limited sharing of projections and information between commissions. Chairs could convene initially.
  - iii. Role of potential site under development by city in collaboration with Bloomington Health Foundation for resource sharing.
  - iv. For next meeting the plan will be to go through the enabling ordinance to figure out where the Commission should focus its attention moving forward.
- d. Inviting Chris Myers from Area Ten to present on CASOA at August meeting
  - e. July meeting to be held at Endwright East at the regular time.

New Business - election of officers

Chair - Phil nominated as Chair of Commission  
Gail nominated Yonda as Vice Chair  
Ron nominated Lori as Secretary

Election of officers to occur in July

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10.