

COA Minutes for 5/14/2019 Meeting Hooker Room City Hall

In attendance: Phil, Sue, Jack, Ron, Lori , Gail, Jenny-Quorum

- I. Commission Minutes were approved. Gail had a correction.
- II. Sue Owen (Liaison Report)
- III. A. Area 10 Agency on Aging was awarded funding to start a pilot project Senior Center in Bloomington. Area 10 has signed an MOU with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Dept., Commission on Aging and Dementia Friendly Bloomington to partner on the senior center project. The Dept. of Family and Community Resources (through the COA) will provide scholarships to those who could not otherwise afford to participate in programming at the center.

B. Phil met with Beverly and Sue and expressed dissatisfaction over the way the AARP grant application process was handled by the City. Discussions included acceptable practices and appropriate timeline for submitting grants applications in the future. Improving communications between the commission and City Administration was also discussed and agreed upon.
- IV. Jack Kahn and Phil reported on the UDO and whether the COA recommended language was incorporated
 - a. COA recommended language was not incorporated in the latest UDO version
- V. AARP Grant was not submitted by the city (B. Anderson) even though the city had it by April 9th. It had to be submitted by April 17th. This is frustrating and not acceptable to the COA as the COA would have developed a different entity to partner with had the COA known the city wouldn't submit the grant.
 - a. COA discussed if Beverly Calendar Anderson can come to COA meetings on a quarterly basis to improve communication
 - b. COA had a spirited discussion on how the COA would like the city to interact with the COA; whether the city ever asks for our input; does the COA need a fiscal agent other than the city; and how the COA can influence city initiatives
- VI. Gail led the discussion to help develop handout material for the WTIU Conference on Aging that addressed loneliness and isolation in the aging population. The film "Aging Matters: Loneliness and Isolation" was selected by Phil and will be shown as the conference with Phil leading a discussion on the topic. Commissioners discussed and voted

on the 5 most relevant ideas to place on the handout for the conference.

Respectfully submitted, Commissioner Ron Smith