

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING - Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 4:30 p.m.

Endwright East Active Living Center
College Mall

1. Call to Order:

In attendance were Yonda Snyder, Jack Kahn, Gail Londergan, Phil Stafford, Lori Clendening, Sue Owens, Ron Smith

Volunteer Recorder for today: Phil Stafford

Verify Quorum, Additional Agenda Items, Welcome Guests

Completed the above items. No guests.

Approval of June Minutes:

Gail clarified two items: 3 a iii: she noted a sign-up sheet should be provided at the WTIU conference

for COA Newsletter and 3 b: clarifying the understanding that promoting the commission is less important than promoting awareness of issues. 3 c and 3 c iii were commented upon. The recorder failed to note them.

Officer Elections: (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)

Having been nominated in June, Yonda Snyder was elected as Vice Chair and Phil Stafford as Chair for the coming year. Jenny Donegan was nominated as Secretary and will be voted upon in August, as called for in the Commission by-laws.

Announcements: Orientation to Endwright East by Area 10 representative

Na’Kia (first name) of the Area 10 Agency on Aging provided a very informative orientation to and overview of the activities at the new Endwright East senior center in College Mall, the site of the commission meeting. She provided a walk-through of the space. Endwright East is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm. Na’Kia reported 90 people have completed a survey of preferences and interests, including a wish list. She is looking for administrative volunteers. Yoga is popular, evolving to chair yoga. 100 people attended the Open House. There are 120 actual members of the center with an average daily attendance of 35. Discussion ensued with following comments: several individuals have reached out to provide programs in the space; there is a continuing need to solicit feedback from participants; some programs are compatible with the space, some not; new furniture will arrive soon; wish list items include A-V equipment, board games, room partitions.

Programs remain free in July. In August, some programs will be fee-based, some at \$20, some at \$15. Hence, city scholarships will begin in August. There is high interest in yoga and Tai Chi, poetry and writing groups are forthcoming. BVAC and RSVP have been good sources for volunteers. As the original coordinator for the program has resigned, the position is open for a new candidate.

Liaison Report: Sue

No report.

2. Old Business:

A. Lifetime Communities (Phil)

No report

B. Comp Plan and UDO (Phil/Jack)

Jack noted upcoming dates for the public release of the next draft of the UDO, which will initiate Plan Commission hearings. He has noted the public sentiment (negative) associated with plans for higher density in core neighborhoods – the approval of duplexes and triplexes.

C. WTIU Conference on Aging – (Gail)

The Commission provided a final review of the handout prepared by Gail. Registration is projected at 150. She discussed ways we can achieve new subscribers to the COA newsletter at the conference, such as making it easy to use the hyperlinks on the handout.

3. New Business:

A. Role of the Commission in promoting change: A thought experiment

Phil circulated a logic model template and the group reviewed the template to discuss whether this approach would help the Commission set and work on one or more key goals in the coming year. In the August meeting, this technique will be further explored with an exemplary goal.

4. Adjourn: adjourned at 6 pm.