

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 4:30 pm
HOOKER CONFERENCE ROOM #245, CITY HALL
401 N.MORTON ST., BLOOMINGTON, IN

Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom

Call to order: 4:30 pm

Volunteer Recorder for today: Jenny Donegan

Verify Quorum, Additional Agenda items
In attendance:

Phil Stafford
Yonda Snyder
Sue Owens
Jack Kahn
Jennifer Burns
Jenny Donegan
Robert Deppert
Kelsey Haislip

Approval of May minutes: Motion Kahn, Second Snyder, approved

Liaison Report: Sue Owens

No official report. Stafford inquired about current state of the budget. Donegan inquired about the prospective use of newsletter and about newsletter stats, including openings.

Old Business:

Lifetime Communities: Commissioners were encouraged to attend the upcoming online public forum on planning for the old hospital site and encouraged to advocate the use of the phrase lifetime community. Commissioners also encouraged to take the online survey found at bloomingtonhospital.org. Stafford noted the work of the Hopewell citizens group, including leaders of Prospect Hill, McDoel Gardens neighborhoods.

Active Aging Coalition: No update, group not meeting

Intergenerational Choir: Stafford offered to send Robert a resource on starting a choir. Sounds of South still in limbo for the summer.

Provider Roundtable: The commission set three dates in July for online provider roundtables. Stafford to draft letter for review. Commissioners divided up contact responsibilities and will send invitations. Donegan and Stafford will review topics to select, including inquiry about use of Helping Bloomington.

Survey: Snyder to contact NCOA for advice on how to utilize their current survey. Donegan suggested coordinating with Area 10 Agency on Aging.

New Business:

An extended discussion of methods to create expanded outreach to seniors was held. Strategies for using the newsletter as a key tool were offered, as were suggestions for the use of Constant Contact if/when a master list of emails can be accumulated from various sources. It was suggested that newsletter readers be offered the opportunity to consent to receipt of other communications (of all kinds) from the Commission. Donegan offered multiple resources to help seniors and commissioners make greater use of technologies for learning and engagement, including how to videos she has developed - such as how to zoom effectively.

Adjourn: Kahn moved, Haislip seconded. Adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stafford from Donegan notes.