

Commission on Aging Minutes -March 9, 2021

Present: Phil Stafford, Jenny Donegan, Kelsey Haislip, Jack Kahn, Sue Owens (Staff Liaison)- Quorum met due to only having seven active members

1. No new report from Sue Owens, City of Bloomington Staff Liaison.
2. Motion to Approve Minutes- Approved
 - a. Motion to Approve December Minutes: Kelsey Haislip
 - b. Second: Jack Kahn
 - c. Motion passed
3. Lifetime Community - Nothing new to report.
4. Digital Divide Subcommittee Meeting- Next meeting March 16th at 10:30am. Topics are set along with commissioners to help with each individual session. Invite attendees from last roundtable and include more names (representative from Smithville, REMC, Community Foundation). Plan to tighten up the descriptions of the events to one page and distribute to seniors and providers interested in participating in each session. Notes below from subcommittee meeting.
 - a. Digital Divide (Jack Kahn, Jenny Donegan, & Rick Deets)- Tuesday, April 27th at 10am
 - b. Social Isolation (Phil Stafford)- Wednesday, April 28th at 2pm
 - c. Cross Agency Communication (Kelsey Haislip)- Thursday, April 29th at 2pm
5. Phil will report the Commission's Annual Report to the City Council on March 17th.
6. Senior Surveys- No new report
7. Dementia Friendly Conference- No new report
8. Dementia Friendly Certification Training- If you have not been able to complete, please do so as quickly as possible so that the Commission could recertify for Dementia Friendly. Please reach out if you are having any difficulty.
9. Senior Spotlight COA Newsletter- Looking for seniors to highlight each month. Plan to begin in May for Older Americans Month. Must rename due to name already used by Area 10. New name: Senior Focus
 - a. Senior Spotlight Protocol:
 - i. Seniors must be 65 or older. Residents of Bloomington.
 - ii. Will need to do a call for nominations on the website
 - iii. Nomination should be digital. Sent to COA liaison. Less than 250 words
 - iv. Photo if possible, with permission from nominee to publish
 - v. Plan for subcommittee to meet and choose six candidates at a time
 - vi. COA Liaison to send a certificate to the award winners

- b. Newsletter is now bi-monthly. Discussion whether to have six candidates total per year or two each newsletter
 - c. Written proposal presented to COA by Phil Stafford
 - i. Motion to approve: Jenny Donegan
 - ii. Second: Jack Kahn
 - iii. Motion passed
10. Affordable Housing Resolution-
- a. Phil drafted a possible position to be sent to the City Council regarding the COA's thoughts. Sue will send out for further review.