

## **Commission on Aging Minutes -May 11, 2021**

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

1. Phil will be sending a letter to commissioners who have missed three consecutive meetings and therefore have not fulfilled their duties.
2. No new report from Sue Owens, City of Bloomington Staff Liaison. Next newsletter will be in July. Deadline for that is the end of June.
3. Motion to Approve Minutes- No minutes from last month's meeting.
4. Community Advocate Carole Canfield visited today's meeting regarding the decision by the City of Bloomington to close the road into Lower Cascades Park. This is of concern to Bloomington seniors with mobility issues because they will no longer be able to access main areas of the park (south end of the park). A community meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the parking lot next to the playground at Lower Cascades Park.
5. Lifetime Community - Nothing new to report. Plan commission review of the Kmart parking lot development will be taking place soon. Talks of 906-bedroom housing development is a possibility with student housing as well as family housing. Company developing it is Trintas Ventures.
6. Roundtable/Digital Divide Subcommittee Meeting- Thank you to the roundtable subcommittee, presenters, as well as Sue Owens & Marissa for their efforts with coordinating & hosting last month's service-provider roundtables.
  - a. Sue will send links to the three sessions to our past roundtable participants for them to review at their own convenience.
  - b. Phil emailed Kris Myers (Area 10) to make her aware that we would like to host a roundtable with area seniors to encourage their participants to attend and possibly include in their newsletter.
  - c. If we choose to do roundtables quarterly, the next one would to be held in August. Include a Call to Action in the newsletter.
  - d. City is redoing their survey which will be their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual. Possibly incorporate in the next roundtable.
7. Senior Surveys- No new report
8. Senior Focus- Press release went out today. Working with Marissa on a visual announcement that can shared on social media. Deadline for first round is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
9. Dementia Friendly Conference- Will be held virtually next Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-12:30pm. Free event. Main presentation along with ten different breakout rooms.

10. Affordable Housing Resolution-

- a. "Housing First"-No direct connection to seniors although most homeless persons are age 50 and over.
- b. Housing series in the Herald Times, although well reported, did not mention the impact it has on seniors including increasing property taxes. Phil hoping to reach out the HT to see if they would write another article with a focus on seniors.