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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff: Crawley, Hunt, Noel, O'Keefe

Guests: Jim Krueger

Present: 13 - Michael E. Verveer; Rebecca Kemble; Edna Canfield; Kathleen A. Poi; Donna C. Bryant; Daryl K. Sherman; Felicitus Ferington; Faisal A. Kaud; Kathleen Whitt; Mary Jo A. Rimkus; Blinda H. Beason; Paul H. Kusuda and Alnisa T. Allgood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Kusuda suggests "EMMCA" vs "EM/MC" for use in the minutes.
Approved on the motion of Beason and Whitt. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Paul Kusuda disclosed that he serves on the Dane County AAA. Kathleen Poi serves on the Board of the West Madison Senior Coalition. Blinda Beason is on the Board of NESCO.

REPORTS

1. [43424](#) Madison Senior Coalitions

There have been no significant changes from last month. All external interviews with coalitions and service partners have been completed, with generally positive feedback from the interviewees. The next phase is to determine how the entities can work better together, negotiating and developing a final legal plan, and to then use it as a model for other groups. The deadline is December 7th; the study is on schedule to meet the timeline.
2. [31594](#) Community Services Committee, Fay Ferington and Donna Bryant

Sept 29th- anniversary party for LGBT senior alliance dinner and a capella group, greenTONE.
3. [41829](#) Madison Senior Center Foundation, Edna Canfield

In the last Foundation meeting, members mainly discussed notes in how to develop relationships with organizations, and to generate interest in having more activities at MSC. They are waiting to hear the latest financial status to determine if there can be an increase in funds distributed to those various entities.

4. [44530](#)

Staff Reports

- Program Updates, Laura Hunt
- City Training Opportunity for Committee Members, Laura Noel

Laura Hunt

The film, "Age of Love," screened in September at the Central Library with a good turnout. Benefits of Relationships and Speed Dating are next in the series, which will help connect what viewers saw in the movie to their own lives.

PLATO classes have also started this week, so it's been very busy at MSC. Photo affair submissions started yesterday and will be part of Gallery Night next Friday.

The Festival of wreaths, a big fundraiser for MSC, is coming up, too. Ballroom Basics for Balance has started and is being held at the Library on Friday mornings.

Laura Noel

Highlighting training events:

- Oct 6, 5:30-7- on open meetings and public records; can access online, but more to gain by attending in person
- Oct 20- Code of Ethics and "Roberts Rules of Order"

Jim O'Keefe

The CDD is currently interviewing for the new Child Care coordinator. The big news at this point, however, is the upcoming 2017 City Operating Budget, which the Mayor has not yet released. Agencies are limited with respect to operating budget in that no supplemental budget requests are being accepted this year, and have been asked to present spending cuts or absorptions equivalent to 2.5% from 2016, or roughly \$250,000 within the CDD. Internal changes have helped, but 2.1% in service contract cuts will need to be done, namely to programs funded at less than \$25,000. Protecting gains that were made in previous budget, such as the \$45,000 support for collaborative efforts, will be important. (Of that \$45,000 funded study, \$25,000 has already been spent. It is possible the remaining \$20,000 will be offered up as a spending cut, or applied elsewhere within CDD.) So far the agency has been forced to recommend reductions in Guardian, RSVP and Home Chore programs.

With the upcoming Capital budget, challenges of homelessness and affordable housing for senior adults are brought to attention. New projects are gaining interest, such as the "Grand Family" project (housing that would serve households with at least one senior adult caring for a child) on East Washington as part of the Union Corners development, and city funds may need to be applied in support of them (currently competing).

City funds may become available for affordable housing through a competitive process, sale of bonds, in working with the finance dept, mayor, and city council members, and also with securing tax credits (namely, Section 42), which is a strategy that has been proven successful so far (refer to Tree Lane senior housing development on far west side), which Committee on Aging involvement may have helped to achieve.

No more items on the agenda

BUSINESS

- 5. [44146](#) Update on 2017 City of Madison Budget

NONE

- 6. [44531](#) Report on Coalition Collaborative Initiative, Katie Kluesner, West Madison Senior Coalition

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm on the motion of Sherman and Rimkus, et al.