



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

2:30 PM

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

O'Keefe, Spaeni, O'Donnell

Note: Linda Vakunta will be representing the Mayor's office at CoA mtgs;
position formerly filled by Katie Crawley.

Present: 9 - Michael E. Verveer; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Kathleen A. Poi; Donna C. Bryant; Daryl K. Sherman; Felicitus Ferington; Faisal A. Kaud; Ben Obregon and Alnisa T. Allgood

Absent: 3 - Edna Canfield; Kathleen Whitt and Blinda H. Beason

1. [55699](#) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sherman, seconded by Poi, to Approve. The motion was passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the South East Asian Community pre-registered to speak on the topic of RFP recommendations. Telephone and/or video language interpretation (for Hmong, Lao, and Khmer) was provided for community members in attendance.

These speakers addressed the COA in opposition of CDD's staff recommendation for SEA RFP funding: Kabzyag Vang, M. Adams, Ryna Roun, Maiv Nyiaj Moua and Savang Chhorm. These individuals registered to speak, but were unable to prior to adjournment: Ann T Vang, Don Thao, See Vang, and Ann Garden.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

2. [56422](#) Introduce new CoA member Ben Obregon, appointed by Mayor Satya
3. [54463](#) Staff Report, Sally Jo Spaeni
 - o Director's Update, Sally Jo Spaeni
Data provided for "Results Madison"; pulling together SEA RFP

Concept Paper, review panel & funding process; fostering collaboration with EPIC for medical software education; attended American Society on Aging Conference in April

- o Program Updates, Laura Hunt
 - " Everyone On Madison" computer classes held, with 6-10 participants each week; Safety Fair, Gallery Night/Art Exhibits; new monthly "Coffee with a Cop" launched
- o Volunteer Updates, John Weichelt
 - 3 new front desk volunteers recruited

4. [56419](#) MGO 33.01, Faisal Kaud

MGO discussion will be revisited at a later date.

5. [56420](#) Courtyard Conversion, Sally Jo Spaeni, Michael Verveer

Verveer explained courtyard disrepair and need for more greenspace downtown drives the desire to transform the space into a public park; Spaeni supports conversion and explains E. Knepp of Parks assured Senior Center would have preference for park reservations at the beginning of each year along with waived or reduced fees for space. Park will bring more community awareness about the Senior Center and will provide a better space to hold ice cream socials, host Trishaw rides, music and a place to encourage a healthy environment through installation of pollinator plants.

6. [56421](#) Accreditation Update, Sally Jo Spaeni

Staff finished preparing binders for review, sent one copy off to NCOA and are waiting for a call to schedule the on-site visit.

7. [55433](#) SE Asian RFP Recommendation, Faisal Kaud, Sally Jo Spaeni

Attachments: [Freedom Inc Seniors App.pdf](#)
[Hmong Institute Seniors App.pdf](#)

Staff, volunteers and clients of Freedom Inc. pre-registered and voiced public comment opposing staff recommendation of funding allocation and recommending CoA and staff visit applicant's sites. Meeting delayed due to technical difficulties in providing language interpretation and after several attempts to maintain a Laotian interpreter; had to adjourn due to Laotian interpreter choosing to disconnect and loss of equity.

Bryant motions to revisit this item at the regularly scheduled July CoA mtg; carried by Poi, Verveer, et al.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Harrington-McKinney, seconded by Poi, to Adjourn. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Next Committee on Aging meeting is scheduled for: July 24, 2019 at 2:30pm

Minutes by Flesher