



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff: Beatty, Crawley, Noel

Guests: Hendrickson, Benisch, Zutter, Osher, Solheim, Breining

Present: 9 - Edna Canfield; Kathleen A. Poi; Donna C. Bryant; Felicitus Ferington;
Faisal A. Kaud; Kathleen Whitt; Mary Jo A. Rimkus; Paul H. Kusuda and
Alnisa T. Allgood

Absent: 4 - Michael E. Verveer; Amanda Hall; Daryl K. Sherman and Blinda H. Beason

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Unanimously approved on the motion of Kusuda and Poi.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Zutter, RSVP Director, distributed registration materials for the Triad Conference on September 22 and discussed the Foster Grandparents program and RSVP recruitment efforts.

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.

REPORTS

1. [48467](#) Union Corners, Grand Families Housing

Gorman Company is the developer, builder and manager of 59 units in the Union Corners (East Washington and Milwaukee Streets area) development, with 2 & 3 bedrooms for grandparents raising grandchildren. It is estimated that there are 550 such families in Madison. Lutheran Social Services will be the on-site social services coordinator, and Gorman plans (not yet finalized) will include separate community spaces for both children and grands. Rents will depend upon income, but range from \$460-\$950 for 2 bedrooms and \$500-\$1,100 for 3 bedrooms. The primary waitlist will be for grandparents, but there will be a secondary list for any family. Plan approval is expected in spring 2018 and an opening in summer 2019.
2. [43424](#) Madison Senior Coalitions Report

The Coalition Collaboration Initiative is now ready to hire an attorney to consolidate their operations into one agency. Their Boards and staff believe annually they can help 1,500 more senior adults AND reduce the cost per senior, by eliminating redundant administrative tasks. "Directors can focus on one or two areas and build a vibrant local presence, an active board of directors, a citywide marketing strategy, an integrated development plan and a strong voice to advocate for seniors and their needs."

3. [48103](#)

Community Services Committee, Donna Bryant

Committee discussed youth employment, capital projects and operating budget recommendation. CoA reps presented information on the AMP grant and the change in Westside Senior Center from a place in Segoe Terrace to a senior center in the community.

4. [41829](#)

Madison Senior Center Foundation, Edna Canfield

No Meeting.

5. [48461](#)

Staff Report, Christine Beatty
-Discuss Available Reports
-City 2018 Budget Development
-Programs Update, Laura Hunt

The July report was reviewed and upcoming programs discussed. A joint National Senior Center Month ad was distributed which will appear in the WI State Journal. Using expertise of the UW Marketing students, it is a positive image ad supported and coordinated by Madison Senior Center with financial contribution from each center listed.

Michael Verveer and Katie Crawley provided information on the City of Madison capitol and operating budgets. Alder Verveer reminded members that he has an on-going conflict with another meeting and asked the committee to consider meeting one hour later in 2018.

6. [48462](#)

Rainbow Project has a Support Group for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren-Serena Brink, Coordinator

Attachments: [Grandfacts.pdf](#)

Rainbow Project has served approximately 100 grandparents, since beginning to offer support groups for this population in 2004. Grandparents face many barriers in these circumstances, including the possible loss of their relationship with their child, who may be dealing with incarceration, mental health or addiction problems. The care of grandchildren may be isolating, expensive, overwhelming and demanding to their caregivers who have not had this responsibility for a decade or more. And the children too are experiencing loss, instability, trauma or maltreatment, mental health and behavioral problems. Currently, 60 people annually take advantage of individual counseling, programs, support group (2ND Saturday each month) and a "warm" line for advice and assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm on the motion of Ferington and Whitt. Next meeting will be on September 27, 2017; Kaud and Poi will be absent.

Next meeting, September 27, 2017