



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

STAFF: Laura Noel, Christine Beatty **GUESTS:** Jim Krueger (North Eastside Senior Coalition), Jim Schaver (Independent Living)

Tammy Hagen called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm with a quorum present. She welcomed Faisal Kaud and all members introduced themselves.

Present: 12 -

Michael E. Verveer; Lauren Cnare; Michael R. Jackson; Edna Canfield; Thomas Frazier; Felicitus Ferington; Faisal A. Kaud; Kathleen Whitt; Mary Jo A. Rimkus; Tamara S. Hagen; Paul H. Kusuda and Rosemary Lee

Absent: 1 -

James C. Lamal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 25, 2013 were approved on the motion of Mary Jo Rimkus and Tom Frazier with unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Paul Kusuda disclosed that he is a member of the AAA Board.

REPORTS

1. [31927](#) Madison Senior Coalition, Jim Krueger, North/Eastside Senior Coalition

Westside Senior Coalition is seeking a new Director; Ingrid Kunderer is now at Heritage in Middleton. Budget issues are still at the forefront of planning for senior services with advocacy at the Dane County level for nutrition services and programs. Coalition Directors are requesting census data from AAA regarding the case management formula.

2. [31594](#) Community Services Committee, Fay Ferington

Committee is finishing up with the Emerging Opportunities funding process and heard deliberations and information regarding the Meadowood Library and Neighborhood Center.

3. [31595](#) Changing Demographics Workgroup, Lauren Cnare

The Work Group is presenting a written update to the Common Council on their meetings thus far. Expect recommendations and a full report in two years.

4. [31596](#) Madison Senior Center Foundation, Jim Lamal

Next meeting November 13.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. [31922](#) Advocacy Focus for Committee: Affordable Senior Housing/Mental Health Impact on Housing

Guest: Jim Schaver, Housing Manager, Independent Living, Inc.

Independent Living is developing housing for senior adults 62+years and seeking to make it affordable. The City of Madison needs housing for low income seniors and all senior adults, for example, the Tennison Lane project with 300 units, with independent, assisted living, and memory care. Affordable means that housing uses 30% or less of income or the WEDA subsidized rate of \$700 to \$1,000 monthly. Site selection may occur a decade prior to building, and City of Madison land is expensive and the approval process daunting. Proposed University Avenue project may be built in 10 years and include 1,000 units. Buildings are secured with a pass card and staffing. The agency has approximately 200+ units in Fitchbrug, Sun Paririe and in Madison (The Gardens).

Jim Schaver suggests that the CoA needs to make citizens aware and educate them on the need for planning and development of this type of housing, especially if we wish to be an “age friendly community.”

7. [31924](#) Discussion on Committee on Aging Priorities, Laura Noel and/or Christine Beatty

Laura reviewed the current operation of the funding process which addresses funding priorities every two years and noted recent changes: 1) did the Neighborhood Centers and Gardens separately this year from other nonprofits, and 2) added the new Emerging Opportunities funding process. She remarked about the proposal from Mayor Soglin to examine the process of allotting funds to nonprofits. This year's process, according to some on the committee, was “frustrating”, merely “continued the status quo”, and “held taxes low, but reduced programs and services.” The CDD will recommend shortly to the Mayor that the Division will either 1) extend current contracts with no process; 2) use current goals & priorities to fund those that are chosen or most critical; or 3) begin the process as in the past years. The Race for Equity report was distributed and a meeting on Wednesday, November 20, for all City committee members was announced.

6. [31923](#) 2014 Operating Budget Discussion, Lauren Cnare and Mike Verveer

Lauren Cnare and Mike Verveer reviewed the difficult decisions facing Alders and the Mayor in creating the 2014 budget. Very small amount to distribute, due to property tax measures and the state control over levy limits. Nonprofit agencies may receive a COLA increase, costing approximately \$110,000.

Mayor has requested a study of the funding process, that is, how the City of Madison allots funds to nonprofits for services.

8. [31925](#) November and December 2013 Meeting and 2014 Meeting Dates

A survey of members will determine the next meeting date.

9. [31926](#) Staff Report, Christine Beatty
-Monthly Report, if available
-Travel Tales: Alaska, Washington D.C., Massachusetts
-WI Accreditation Review, November 19 (Tuesday)
-Holiday Events

The August report was reviewed by members and Beatty reviewed her recent work travels, to Kodiak Island for a senior center peer review, to Massachusetts for a NCOA meeting and the national senior center conference, to Washington, D.C. for meetings of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Volunteer Collaborative. The WI Association of Senior Centers will do a state peer review on the Madison Senior Center on Tuesday, November 19. All are invited to attend. Tickets for the Classic English Tea are now available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:30pm.