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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St.

Meets the 4th Wednesday of most months.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Guests: Lindquist, Wachter, Allen, Zutter, Crawley, Warner

Tammy Hagen called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm with a quorum present, and she thanked Edna Canfield for leading the meeting last month.

Present: 11 - Michael E. Verveer; James C. Lamal; 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: 2 - Lauren Cnare and Michael R. Jackson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were corrected to add the last name of Jim Krueger (under REPORTS, 32453) and to change the amount of funding from \$200K to \$100K (under REPORTS, 31594), and the minutes were approved as corrected on the motion of Fay Ferington and Mary Jo Rimkus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Paul Kusuda serves on the Dane County AAA.

REPORTS

1. [32453](#) Madison Senior Coalitions

Attachments: [My meal, My way.pdf](#)

EMMC reports full staffing and that Super & Support program drew 16 people. Meal site changes upcoming as Dane County enforces regulations. Concerts at the Coalition being planned.

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

With \$100K marked for agencies in the Spring Emerging Opportunities Program, 46 applications were received with a total request for \$990K.

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

No report.

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

Attachments: [Foundation 8.14.pdf](#)

Total assets at the end of 2013 are \$465,027 with Investments (\$347,737), Cash (\$51,374) and Madison Community Foundation Holdings (\$65,916). Board is analyzing donor records and seeking to increase giving.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. [32454](#) Advocacy Focus for Committee: Affordable Senior Housing/Mental Health Impact on Housing

Matt Wachter is staff to the City Housing Strategy Committee and is working on a housing report to the City Council. Report topics will include homelessness, low income and market rental housing, and he expects to research senior adult housing this summer. The committee had several suggestions of individuals and resources for him to contact, and he will use the Committee on Aging as a resource once he gathers the appropriate information. They were concerned about 'concentrating poverty,' the increasing diversity of the elderly population and the need for safe areas in which to cite housing for seniors. Tom Frazier indicated that Dane County is also interested and working on this topic, and Rosemary Lee, Edna Canfield and Tom expressed their willingness to support Matt's efforts.

6. [33167](#) Staff Report, Christine Beatty
-Monthly Report(s)
-Mifflin Street Parking
-Official Notification of WI Accreditation
-AASPIRE Intern
-March Program Highlights

Christine Beatty reviewed October, November, and December monthly reports. She has received the official notification of our state accreditation award. Mike Verveer has been instrumental in seeking input on parking on the north side of Mifflin Street, and Christine reviewed other parking options for participants. She indicated that the Senior Center will have an AASPIRE intern this summer.

ACTION ITEMS

7. [32670](#) SUBSTITUTE - Accepting the Interim Report: "Demographic Change and the City of Madison: Findings of the Common Council Legislative Agenda Work Group on Demographic Change and Recommendations for Action" and approving a plan for implementing recommendations therein.

Attachments: [June Interim Demographic Change Report and Recommendations.pdf](#)
[Original Resolution 32670.pdf](#)

The analysis of demographic change is helpful for the ongoing work of the Committee on Aging. COA members mentioned that Recommendation #1

recognizes the emerging challenge of affordable housing for seniors – this has also been identified as a major unmet need by Jennifer Fisher the Director of the Area Disability Resource Center and the Area Agency on Aging.

Members of the Committee highlighted Milwaukee’s public housing for seniors which are linked with services as a possible model. Concepts that could use deeper investigation include aging in place models and support networks such as the Colonia Club and the SAIL program. Universal design, no-step entry and Accessory Dwelling Units are building strategies that can support aging citizens. Finally, safety issues should be paramount in planning for Recommendation #1.

An area of inquiry of the Demographic Change Work Group that is not addressed in the Interim Report is the issue of attracting young families. The Glendale Neighborhood Association is working with realtors and local residents to market the affordable homes in the neighborhood to young families and help increase age diversity in the neighborhood. This could be a model for future inquiry of the Work Group.

The Committee on Aging noted the following specific comments:

- The language in the Draft Resolution (APPENDIX B) is not as strong as the wording earlier in the report for Recommendation #1. Amend language in the resolution to match the original recommendation “Increase affordable multi-family housing options for seniors with an emphasis on pedestrian and transit access.”
- The Committee on Aging should be added as a Lead Committee for each action step for Recommendation #1. In addition, there should be an emphasis on the senior perspective throughout planning.
- The planning for homeless, veterans and aging people of color should be an area of further focus.
- Senior roommates and the Golden Girls phenomenon should be addressed. Perhaps a senior roommate matching program could be established as part of the first recommendation.
- In particular we need a better grasp of aging minority needs and a focus on non-white issues.
- Recommendation #1 focuses too much on housing and not enough on transit. For example, how would the proposed housing meet continuous independent service needs? Are bike share and car sharing options possible?
- Recommendation #1 needs to be tailored to provide a suite of services and accommodations on-site for seniors including but not limited to; senior centers, mental health care, a holistic community and a safe environment.

Motion by Edna Canfield and Tom Frazier to accept the report with committee comments. Passed unanimously.

8. [32963](#)

Authorizing the City of Madison, through the Madison Senior Center, to accept a 12 month OASIS Institute grant, funded by the WellPoint Foundation to implement CATCH Healthy Habits program in Madison, WI, and amending the 2014 Adopted Operating Budget of the Community Development Division to recognize additional grant revenues and associated expenditures.

Motion by Tom Frazier and Mary Jo Rimkus to accept the grant was passed unanimously.

Mike Verveer asked about the Wil-Mar meal program changes; he had heard from a constituent, regarding the closing of the site. Christine will seek

additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Edna Canfield and Mike Verveer to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 pm was passed unanimously.