



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Approved

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Madison
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Wednesday, September 19, 2007

1:40 PM

Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Paul Van Rooy called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL

City Staff: Gray Williams, Kelly Krein (student intern)

Present: 8 - Schumacher, Carstensen, Owen, Van Rooy, Lohr, Storkson, Kiesow and Burns

Absent: 3 - Bunge, Ely and Obregon

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

of July 18, 2007.

Absent: 3 - Bunge, Ely and Obregon

Ayes: 8 - Schumacher, Carstensen, Owen, Van Rooy, Lohr, Storkson, Kiesow and Burns

5. UPDATE ON CHANGES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Enis Ragland, previously of the Mayor's office, will be the Interim Supervisor of OCS through the end of 2008. OCS will hire a new Program Assistant, probably before the end of November. A decision will be made then on who, if any of the administrative staff, will take minutes at SCAC, ECCEB and CSC meetings.

6. SENIOR BEAT UPDATE - HELEN AARLI

Helen hosts Senior Beat on Channel 12. Helen asked for feedback on how to make seniors aware of Senior Beat, and for program ideas. Helen is also interested in how people view the current topics, and what they feel should be covered. Senior Beat may be taped and the tapes made available to whomever wants to see them, including assisted living facilities. Members suggested health issues (e.g. shingles vaccine), and managed care changes as possible topics.

7. REVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION ON HEALTH CARE ISSUES FOR SENIORS BY JUDY HOWARD, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ACTION STEPS

At her July SCAC presentation, Judy Howard raised three health issues: social capital, health literacy and a community assessment. Ald. Schumacher suggested that alcoholism and addictions are issues that also need addressing. SCAC members

discussed their role in health efforts and raised the following issues:

What is the SCAC role - should SCAC coordinate efforts that already exist, e.g. on social capital?

Should SCAC be a gatherer and/or disburser of information?

Should SCAC consider the gravity of health problems and identify what is the greatest need?

SCAC is not a working Committee and has no budget; to become a coordinator of current efforts is a big change.

Is the SCAC goal information gathering, or should it seek funding to implement changes?

Most SCAC activities (dehydration brochure) and the programs we fund (case management) are either social capital or health literacy efforts.

Does SCAC have the energy and interest to change how it does business?

It was agreed that the SCAC would invite Judy back to help focus the SCAC health efforts. Judy could identify where SCAC could partner with the Health Department efforts.

8. REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL ELY TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

A motion was made by Carstensen, seconded by Storkson, to recommend that Michael Ely be re-appointed as the SCAC representative on the Community Services Commission. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: Bunge, Ely and Obregon

Aye: Schumacher, Carstensen, Owen, Van Rooy, Lohr, Storkson, Kiesow and Burns

9. REPORTS

Coordinator's Report - Because of changes within the Office of Community Services, the 2009 - 2010 funding cycle will involve new staff: Enis Ragland, Laura Noel and two new administrative assistants.

Senior Center Board did not meet

Community Services Commission - Paul attended the Commission meeting and informed them of the SCAC efforts on health issues. The meeting was at Omega School, on Badger Road. Paul was impressed by their programs. The reallocation of the 2007 West Madison Planning Council funds was reviewed.

10. SCAC DELEGATE TO CSC

A motion was made by Owen, seconded by Lohr, to recommend adoption of the Ordinance amendment to add an alternate member of the SCAC to serve on the CSC. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: Bunge, Ely and Obregon

Aye: Schumacher, Carstensen, Owen, Van Rooy, Lohr, Storkson, Kiesow and Burns

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Amending Section 33.16(2) of the Madison General Ordinances to add an alternate member to the Community Services Commission from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

at 2:55 PM.

Absent: 3 - Bunge, Ely and Obregon

Ayes: 8 - Schumacher, Carstensen, Owen, Van Rooy, Lohr, Storkson, Kiesow and Burns