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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St.

Meets the 4th Wednesday of most months.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Guests: Marcia Hendrickson (South Madison Coalition), Margie Zutter (RSVP)

Chairperson Faisal Kaud called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 1:35 pm. and Holiday treats.

Present: 10 - Michael E. Verveer; Lauren Cnare; James C. Lamal; Edna Canfield; Thomas Frazier; Faisal A. Kaud; Kathleen Whitt; Mary Jo A. Rimkus; Paul H. Kusuda and Rosemary Lee

Absent: 2 - Michael R. Jackson and Felicitus Ferington

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Kusuda moved approval of the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting with a second by Rosemary Lee and a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Margie Zutter expressed appreciation for the continued 2015 funding and the 1.5% cost of living increase. She reported that RSVP received a transit grant from Oakwood for the Driver Escort program.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Paul Kusuda is a member of the Dane County Area Agency on Aging.

REPORTS

1. [36346](#)

Madison Senior Coalitions

Marcia Hendrickson reported that South Madison received \$3,000 Brittingham grant for their Neighborhood Senior Center program, which is similar to "a senior center without walls." She noted that recent census materials identified South Madison as having the largest percentage of 85+ elders in poverty. County dollars are stable, but United Way has suggested cutting their Guardian/Representative Payee program of \$23,000. This is a needed program, using trained volunteers, and very cost effective. Committee on Aging members wish to follow this issue and asked that it be on the next agenda.

Madison Senior Coalitions are involved with Neighborhood Resource Teams in their areas. There is a gap in services for those in the 50-60 year old group,

especially the cost of housing and the provision of mental health services.

2. [31594](#)

Community Services Committee, Fay Ferington

No Meeting

3. [31595](#)

Changing Demographics Workgroup, Lauren Cnare

The group is not meeting currently and Lauren suggested removing the group from the agenda.

4. [35605](#)

Madison Senior Center Foundation, Jim Lamal

There was no meeting, but Jim shared information from the Foundation. IRS issue resolved, and the corpus of investments is at \$499,990! We will receive \$1,789 of interest from the investment in the Madison Community Foundation. Board members have recommended that this sum be used to promote the Senior Center, an expense that is lacking in the City of Madison budget. Jim has made contact with a bank representative to assess our efforts with investments; meeting to be planned. Also, all are encouraged to provide contacts for Foundation and Committee on Aging candidates.

5. [34533](#)

Dane County AAA Housing Task Force, Mary Jo Rimkus

A meeting on November 12 by the Dane County Advocacy Group involved county case managers who detailed various barriers to senior housing, discussing the variety and complexity of eligibility requirements and the impact of a criminal record.

ACTION ITEMS

6. [36347](#)

Recommendations to City Governmental Relations Officer

Tom Frazier reviewed for members the information from the WI Aging Advocacy Network on key statewide senior issues,

- o Elderly Benefit Specialist**
- o Family Care & IRIS**
- o Homestead Tax Credit**
- o Evidence Based Health Promotion Programs**
- o Older Americans Act – Supplemental Funding**
- o WI's Specialized Transportation.**

Tom Frazier moved that these items with the issue briefs be forwarded to the City Government Relations Officer for his involvement and action; Lauren Cnare seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Paul Kusuda presented for consideration a suggestion for a rental-housing-encouragement (RHE) fund to assist individuals in making security deposits. Lauren Cnare remarked on several options that currently existed in the Community Development Office and in the Tenant Resources Center. On the motion of Mike Verveer and Paul Kusuda the suggestion will be submitted to Susan Morrison in the CDBG office for their consideration. One no vote by Rosemary Lee. Motion passed.

Absent: 2 - Michael R. Jackson and Felicitus Ferington

Ayes: 9 - Michael E. Verveer; Lauren Chare; James C. Lamal; Edna Canfield; Thomas Frazier; Faisal A. Kaud; Kathleen Whitt; Mary Jo A. Rimkus and Paul H. Kusuda

Noes: 1 - Rosemary Lee

7. [36348](#) Statement of Interest for City Clerk's Office

Christine Beatty reminded all members to file the Statement of Interest with the City Clerk's Office or they may be dropped from committee membership.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. [33492](#) Advocacy Focus for Committee: Affordable Senior Housing/Mental Health Impact on Housing

No discussion.

9. [36349](#) Staff Report, Christine Beatty
- Community Development Division, Funding Process Study
 - MUNIS, City Financial Software System and Senior Center Cash Drawer
 - 2015 Budget Items
 - RecTrak participant software system installation
 - Full time Clerk/Typist hiring process
 - LGBT Senior Alliance, Team Charter

Attachments: [Team Charter.doc](#)

Christine Beatty reviewed financial system changes and training required by City changes, and she indicated that her time was also taken by the CDD Funding Process Study. Good news in the 2015 budget cycle: full time clerk/typist and RecTrak software. She presented the LGBT Senior Alliance, Steering Committee Team Charter which guides operation of unique joint LGBT program of OutReach and the Madison Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is on Wednesday, January 28. Motion to adjourn on the motion of Mike Verveer and Kathy Whitt; passed unanimously.