

**MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
Costick Center
28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI
5:30pm, September 22, 2015**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair - Winson Wang at 5:33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marsha Koet Senior Div. Liaison, Maureen McCarthy, Nancy Cook, April Yerge, Chuck Collins, Mary Buchan, Jane Frost, Winson Wang, Carl Christoph, Kevin Hammer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Josephine Hobson, Marian Schulte, Jeanne Atkinson, Richard Corey

GUESTS: Julie Sussman (Wayne State nursing student)

| | AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO | FORMAL MOTIONS: |
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| 1 | APPROVAL OF AGENDA | 9-22-2015 | Approved: Collins Seconded: Cook To approve the agenda as published Motion carried: unanimously |
| 2 | APPROVAL OF MINUTES | 6-30-2015 | Approved: Collins Seconded: Wang To approve the minutes amended with Michigan State Representative Christine Greig's responses to questions raised at the May COA meeting. Motion carried: unanimously |
| 3 | AGENDA ITEM: Overall Commission Vision for the year (Wang) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision made by Commission members to accept Agenda format based on Minutes template. <u>Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested committees set goals to define what they hope to accomplish. • In the future, consider copying city council Liaisons on Agendas and Minutes. • Energy & Sustainability Commission – has a budget, can we learn from this to obtain budget funding. • Identify potential activities/projects that improve quality of life in our cities. | |

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| 4 | AGENDA ITEM: Communications, Promotions, Website (Wang) | Wang reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use website to promote what sub-committees plan to do. Speak of our accomplishments and promote them on the website. • Sub-committees are encouraged to meet outside of regular Commission meetings. • Consider virtual tools for meetings (conference calls, WebEx-like tools). • Investigate if a member on a conference line can be considered present in counting for a quorum (Winson – Farmington Hills, Jane – Farmington). • Be open to offering suggestions / improvement ideas for website. | |
| 5 | AGENDA ITEM: Community for a Lifetime (CFL) (include update on Orchard Lake/10 Mile tie-in to FACOA) (Frost) | Frost reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community for a Lifetime sub-committee did not meet over the summer, meeting to be scheduled soon. • Nate Geizner – assistant to the City Manager is the FH representative for the Orchard Lake – 10 Mile project. It could fit with CFL sub-committee goals. | |
| 6 | AGENDA ITEM: What Do Residents Over 50 Want and Need? (Hammer) | Hammer reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several members met with Dr. Faith Hopp from WSU and discussed chances of getting a grant to expand scope of services. She did not think we were ready to obtain a grant, but committee is still interested in pursuing the survey/assessment. • Another goal: analyzing what senior housing we have and identifying unmet needs for housing for seniors. By the year 2030, our senior population will grow to ~30,000 (from ~21,000 in 2015). • Hammer to meet with Economic Development Directors from both cities, to share changing demographics and promote how this is a place developers would want to build senior housing. • Hammer and Committee to talk with City Planning Commission and Economic Development Leads. • Hobson to research part-time work opportunities for seniors. • Senior Division is going to do a housing fair in May to share with seniors what housing options are available. Consider conducting a survey at this event. • How can we capitalize on retired citizens to support community STEM / energy and efforts mentor other citizens. Investigate how this can work with ‘Sage’ program | |

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| 7 | AGENDA ITEM: Possible New Sub-Committee: Senior Protection Advocacy (Atkinson) | Present proposal. Atkinson and Buchan will use AAA1B 'Top 10 Scams Targeting Seniors'. Start with an awareness campaign. Consider including public safety from the two cities. | |
| 8 | AGENDA ITEM: Annual Project Report-out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Directory (Hammer) • Volunteer Recognition Reception (Christoph) • City Council Representative (Corey) | Resource Directory – Assignments will be available at the next meeting for Commission members validate or update listings, and freshen content – each commission member will take a few pages to call the numbers. Volunteer Recognition Reception (breakfast) – room is already reserved; theme is 'Hollywood red carpet'. Post pictures of the winners on the website, as well as last year's winners with the reason chosen, and pictures. Prepare a PSA for Channel 8 to indicate 'nominations are being taken' or other PSA's to promote community services. City Council – Christoph updated Farmington City Council in July. Work with City Council Liaisons to determine frequency and timing of reports. | |
| 9 | AGENDA ITEM: Senior Division Liaison Report (Koet) | 10/1 – Law day 10/20 - Flu shots 10/23 - Community clothing distribution (at LDS church) Service organizations help. 11/6 – Stars and Stripes (speaker needed), 11am starts with honor guard, speakers, followed by lunch and a band. Send speaker ideas to Marsha 11/11 – Community Thanksgiving Feast (Commission volunteering encouraged). | |
| 10 | NEW BUSINESS | Membership Need letter of resignation from Yuskowatz to enable City to open the seat for a new member. City can put out standard press release to fill spot. | |
| 11 | AMBASSADOR REPORTS | Parks & Rec – Archery Range had a big turnout for grand opening, and it's been running at capacity. Concert series concluded, and Daimler Chrysler will sponsor again for next year. Golf course is nearly on schedule for last year (some bad weather impact). Splash park was well-attended, a big success. | |
| 12 | ADJOURNMENT | Next Meeting: October 27, 2015 at the Costick Center | Adjourned at 7:04pm |
| 13 | MINUTES PREPARED BY | Maureen McCarthy | |