

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
MAY 28, 2019
COSTICK CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
28600 WEST ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON LAURA CHAMPAGNE AT 5:31

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BUCHAN, LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CARL CHRISTOPH, NANCY COOK, JANE FROST, LINDA LEE, KATHERINE MARSHALL, MARIAN SCHULTE, KARINA WEGLARZ

MEMBERS ABSENT: CHUCK COLLINS, DAN FANTORE, COLLEEN IRWIN, JULIE MCCOWAN

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIAISON; MICHAEL BRIDGES, MAYOR PRO TEM FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL; LAURAN BRYAN, ELSMAR HOME HEALTH CARE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion by J. Frost to approve as written
- Support by N. Cook
- Motion carried unanimously

Approval of April, 2019 minutes

- Motion by J. Frost to approve as written
- Support by K. Weglarz
- Motion carried unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website:

- M. Schulte reported that the website now contains information about the 2019 award winners from the Volunteer Breakfast ceremony and about the Community for a Lifetime designation. Google Analytics will soon be installed and statistics regarding use of the website will be available.

EDUCATION:

- K. Weglarz showed a sample of a magnet that lists important phone numbers for caregivers. These will be available for those who attend the fall, 2019 program on caregiving and distributed to other seniors such as those who receive Meals on Wheels. Discussion of colors and design followed. Number to be ordered will be decided when the cost is finalized.

COMMUNITY FOR A LIFETIME:

- Sub-committee met and divided work among members. J. Frost stated that the entire report should be completed by fall, 2020 and application filed then.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- J. Frost shared the 2018-2019 accomplishments of the COA with the Farmington City Council in May.
- Carl Christoph will do the same with the Farmington Hills City Council on June 10. Both speakers will acquaint the council members with the Community for a Lifetime designation.

SENIOR LIAISON REPORT:

- M. Koet and the Director of the Senex Program are planning a “Memory Café” for dementia patients and their caregivers. It will meet on the second Tuesday of each month and feature activities that will help provide socialization for both patients and the caregivers.
- The June, 2019 meeting will be held on June 25 at the Longacre House. Members of the COA may bring guests. Marsha will need an accurate count of those attending. Watch for an email.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS BY MAYOR PRO-TEM, MICHAEL BRIDGES:

- City Council members have seen drawings of the transition of Harrison High to a Community Center.
- There will be an 8,000 sq.ft. fitness center, 2 aquatic centers, 2 performing arts areas, a café, areas for walking. All changes will follow ADA regulations.
- There is a hope that the Community Center will generate income. Bonds for improvements at both Harrison and the Costick Center are being considered.
- Equipment that will no longer be needed due to the closing of Harrison will be donated to area schools such as Pontiac and Detroit.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 5:56. Members were urged to attend Beaumont Hospital’s Healthy Farmington-Farmington Hills Coalition immediately following this meeting.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, June 25 at the Longacre House.

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary