

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
JANUARY 23, 2018
FARMINGTON CITY OFFICES
23600 LIBERTY STREET
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON JEANNE ATKINSON AT 5:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: JEANNE ATKINSON, MARY BUCHAN, CARL CHRISTOPH, NANCY COOK, DAN FANTORE, JANE FROST, COLLEEN KASHAWLIC, LINDA LEE, KATHERINE MARSHALL, MARIAN SCHULTE, KARINA WEGLARZ

MEMBERS ABSENT: LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CHUCK COLLINS, JULIE McCOWAN

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIASION, KEVIN CHRISTIANSEN, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF FARMINGTON, JESSIE CORLISS AND JUDITH CAMPBELL, FARMINGTON CITY RESIDENTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by N. Cook
Support by C. Kashawlic
To approve the agenda as published.
Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- NOVEMBER 28, 2017:

Motion by J. Frost
Support by M. Schulte
To approve the minutes of November 28, 2017 as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION:

- Kevin Christiansen, Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Farmington, showed a video which explained his position in the city and then presented a history of changes in the Farmington Area since its establishment. He explained the concept of “master plans” and how they have been adapted as conditions improve. He was unable to give any definite answer to a question concerning the Maxfield Training Center, but he did recognize the Commission’s concerns about senior housing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website:

- Nomination forms for the COA diamond and gold awards are now on the website. They are due on February 23, 2018 and will be discussed at the February COA meeting.

Education:

- M.Koet reported that the April presentation by Chuck Gaidica, titled “What to do With the Second Half of Your Life”, is advertised in the Spring Activities book and reservations are already being made.

City Council Reports:

- Interest was shown for a hard copy graphic presentation of a year's accomplishments given by the Mayor's Youth Council.

Community for a Lifetime:

- Chairperson J. Frost thanked the many COA members who responded to her request for additional people for this committee. After meeting 3 times, the group has identified five areas of interest.
 1. Community Garden: L. Champagne and L. Lee
 2. Walkability: D. Fantore
 3. Caregiving Concerns: J. Frost and K. Marshall
 4. Financial Exploitation: J. McCowan
 5. Media/Social Media
- L. Lee and D. Fantore shared information they had obtained.

Resource Directory:

- Chairperson C. Kashawlic showed samples of resource directories and suggested that we add a series of questions to help a user find information more quickly. This would be especially helpful on the website. There was discussion of the Farmington Directory and its ability to provide information specific to the area. Any member who has not edited his/her page was urged to do so as quickly as possible.

Volunteer Recognition:

- The theme for this year's breakfast is music. Performances by musicians will replace the customary speaker. The menu has also changed.

Senior Division Report:

- M. Koet invited members to the successful "Dine and Discover" activity. Tax assistance is available. A vote on the purchase of Harrison High is due in February 2018. COA support is needed.

Old Business:

- The 2017 membership roster has been sent to each member. A corrected copy will be sent.

New Business:

- New guidelines for commissions and boards require that officers be chosen in February of each year. Consequently, elections will be held at the next meeting. N. Cook is a nominee for chairperson; M. Schulte for co-chair. Any member interested in holding one of these offices should contact Jeanne Atkinson.

Ambassador Reports:

- Parks and Recreation: C. Christoph reported that interest in the development of Harrison is main concern.
- Children Youth and Family: M. Buchan reported a program on technical training for high students not attending 4-year colleges will be held at the Costick Center on February 7 at 7pm. A program on help for caregivers is scheduled for March, 2018.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:05. Next meeting February 27, 2018 at Farmington City Offices

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary