

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
WILLIAM COSTICK CENTER
28600 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON NANCY COOK AT 5:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BUCHAN, NANCY COOK, DAN FANTORE, JANE FROST, LINDA LEE, KATHERINE MARSHALL, JULIE MCCOWAN, MARIAN SCHULTE, KARINA WEGLARZ

MEMBERS ABSENT: LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CHUCK COLLINS, CARL CHRISTOPH, COLLEEN KASHAWLIC

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIAISON; MICHAEL BRIDGES, FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL; KAREN MONDORA, FARMINGTON HILLS SERVICE DIRECTOR; MAUREEN LEVY, ELSMAR HOME HEALTH CARE.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion by D. Fantore: to approve as corrected:
Jane Frost requested that term "elder abuse" be dropped from COMMUNITY FOR A LIFETIME
- Support by L. Lee
- Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 26 MINUTES :

- Motion by J. Frost
- Support by K. Marshall
- Motion to approve as published.
- Motion carried unanimously.

SPEAKER:

Karen Mondora, Public Services Director for the City of Farmington Hills, spoke about the *City of Farmington Hills Ballot Proposal for Transitioning to a Local Road Millage* which will be on the November 6, 2018 ballot. She also distributed literature that further explained the proposal and listed answers to frequently asked questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website:

- Directory is on website.
- November program flyer will be added.

Education:

- A presentation by the Attorney General's office regarding home health care and group homes is scheduled for November 13 at 10 AM.
- A spring presentation differentiating independent living, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing care was discussed.

Community for a Lifetime:

- Walkability is an issue of concern for this sub-committee.
- Results of Community Garden survey will be shared with city staff.
- Marshall reported that she had contacted the editor of a program on Alzheimer's Disease on PBS and offered COA services for community education on this issue.
- McCowan shared information that her sub-committee continues to be interested in the financial exploitation of seniors and would like to see specialized Oakland County court officials handle these cases. Bridges suggested that Chief of Police Nebus be approached by this sub-committee and was told this had already been done. He said that Judge Jessica Cooper should also be contacted.
- The Oakland Senior Advisory Council is placing this issue on their October agenda and McCowan may be asked to speak with the council.

Resource Directory:

- Fantore suggested that further issues of the directory contain explicit information regarding places to contact regarding scams. These numbers should be easily identified by users.

Senior Division Report:

- M. Koet invited members to participate in the Parks and Rec vision meeting when they leave tonight's COA meeting.
- Flu shots will be available on October 2. The Health Fair was very successful.
- A meeting schedule for 2018-2019 was distributed. In January, 2019 the COA will meet on the 5th Tuesday of the month at the Farmington City Offices.

OLD BUSINESS:

- COA members who are working with the Commission on Children, Youth and Families on a Spring, 2018 presentation regarding Caregiving will meet at 8am on October 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Frost shared ideas being considered for the use of the Sarah Fisher property located at Twelve Mile and Inkster by Evangelical Homes who currently own the land.
- Buchan announced AAAIB's annual Caregivers' Expo will be held on Saturday, October 13 (9am to 2pm) at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Public Comment:

- Visitor Maureen Levy introduced herself and told about her work at ELSMAR, Home Health Care, in Detroit. They provide home health services in three counties: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb. Maureen lives in Farmington Hills and is interested in the work of the COA.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 6:50.
Next meeting is Tuesday, October 23 at the Costick Center.

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, Secretary