

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 – 5:30  
WILLIAM COSTICK CENTER  
28600 ELEVEN MILE ROAD  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: JEANNE ATKINSON, MARY BUCHAN, LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CARL CHRISTOPH,  
CHUCK COLLINS, NANCY COOK, JANE FROST, MARIAN SCHULTE

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIAISON, DAN FANTORE, LINDA LEE,  
KATHY MARSHAL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by C. Collins  
Support by N. Cook  
Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- JUNE 20, 2017

Motion by N. Cook  
Support by J. Frost  
Motion carried unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website

- N. Cook will update website and add COA sponsored events.
- C. Collins will continue as photographer.

Senior Scam & Consumer Protection

- Subcommittee renamed: Education Committee.
- M. Schulte arranged April, 2018 program, “What to Do With the Second Half of Your Life”  
to be given by Chuck Gaidica.

City Council Reports:

- Carl Christoph will report yearly to the Farmington Hills City Council.
- Jane Frost will report yearly to the Farmington City Council.
- Presentations will be scheduled after yearly volunteer recognition awards.

Community for a Lifetime:

- J. Frost presented a brief history of the award and some of the criteria considered.

Resource Directory

- This subcommittee is open.

Volunteer Recognition Reception:

- M. Koet suggested a new award be given to business or organization that supports seniors in the community. Nominations will be open to the community.
- Nomination forms for Gold, Diamond and any new awards will be available January 1, 2018.

Senior Division Liaison Report

- Copies of the Messenger were distributed. Programs of interest to COA were mentioned: flu shots, Stars and Stripes ceremony, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Mindful Memory series.

Old Business:

New Business:

- New applicants for COA membership are being considered. Several were in attendance as guests today.
- Updating of by-laws will be completed by L. Champagne and J. Frost and submitted for approval at the October meeting.
- M. Buchan suggested that the COA remind the City of Farmington that senior housing should be a consideration as the city makes plans for new developments at the Maxfield Training Center and former courthouse properties. N. Cook will contact Kevin Christiansen, Director of Economic Growth, about speaking to the group at the January 23, 2018 meeting.

Ambassador Reports:

- Parks and Rec: no report

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- D. Fantore's interest in COA developed as he worked with his elderly mother and looked for resources to help her.
- L. Lee expressed an interest in community gardening and wondered if the COA had considered sponsoring such a program.
- K. Marshall spoke about the dementia crisis facing the country and the need to provide services of those affected and their caregivers.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 6:46. Next meeting is October 24, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary

