

Approved

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
JANUARY 29, 2019
CITY OF FARMINGTON OFFICES
23600 LIBERTY
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON NANCY COOK AT 5:31.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BUCHAN, CARL CHRISTOPH, CHUCK COLLINS, NANCY COOK, DAN FANTORE, JANE FROST, LINDA LEE, COLLEEN IRWIN, KATHERINE MARSHALL, JULIE MCCOWAN, MARIAN SCHULTE, KARINA WEGLARZ

MEMBERS ABSENT: LAURA CHAMPAGNE

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIAISON; COMMANDER JEFFREY KING, FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion by C. Collins to approve as written
- Support by C. Irwin
- Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 22, MINUTES

- Motion by N. Cook
 - J. Frost requested that Volunteer Recognition be restored to committee reports and that discussion of new award be included in November minutes.
- Support by C. Christoph.
- Motion to approve as corrected.
- Motion carried unanimously.

SPEAKER:

As part of a program to make people aware of a new data base (Clemis) being set up by the local police departments, Commander Jeffrey King of the Farmington Hills Police Department, spoke at the meeting. The purpose of the data base is to help vulnerable individuals in the community receive the most appropriate treatment when help is requested or required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website:

- Forms for evaluating senior homes and residences are not on website yet.
- It was suggested that dates for Law Day be published: May 2 and May 22.

Education:

- Day time presentation on housing for seniors and how to finance them has been cancelled.
- An evening program, "Wise Ways to Choose Housing for Your Senior Years" will be presented in the fall, 2019. This program will discuss new options and market driven terminology. It will be presented by COA members and advertised in the fall activities book.

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Community for a Lifetime:

- D. Fantore attended an open house for repurposing Harrison High and discussed a walking track.
- People who attended this open house were asked to choose 5 activities they felt were valuable. Written comments were also requested.
- C. Christoph who, in addition to the COA, is a member of the Commission on Parks and Recreation also attended the open house and was quoted in the Farmington Observer. He was impressed by the interest and enthusiasm for the project.
- K. Marshall reported that she had contacted Dan Dean, an editor of the Farmington Observer, many times about articles on aging but has been unsuccessful in getting any published.
- McCowan shared information that her sub-committee continues to be interested in the financial exploitation of seniors, and she hopes to establish specialized Oakland County court officials to handle these cases. Changes in the Oakland County Advisory Council have caused some delay. She also reported that the Oakland County Law Association is providing legal assistance to any person who has experienced credit problems due to the government shut down. She will be taking part in two Law Days in May.

Volunteer Recognition:

- Nominations for awards will be discussed at the February meeting. Forms are available at the Costick Center and can be downloaded from the COA website. Due February 22, 2019.
- The volunteer recognition breakfast will be held at 9am on April 4. COA members are invited.
- Musical entertainment will replace a speaker.

Senior Division Report:

- Costick Center is a warming center, open from 6:30am to 11pm.
- Transportation is limited to dialysis patients during extreme cold.
- Meals on Wheels is limiting deliveries during frigid weather. Emergencies are covered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominations were taken for 2019-2020 officers. N. Cook nominated D. Fantore and M. Buchan nominated L. Champagne for chairperson and co-chair. C. Christoph nominated M. Buchan for secretary. Elections will be held at the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- C. Christoph and M. Koet will work on the COA budget for 2019-2020.

Members' Comments:

- C. Irwin distributed information about programs being presented by Botsford-Beaumont. She also said all support groups at Botsford -Beaumont are being discontinued.
- K. Marshall stated that the Geriatric Psychiatric Unit (Gero-psych) at Botsford-Beaumont will close in 2020. A new hospital will be built in partnership with U.H.S. in Dearborn, providing mental health services for those in the metropolitan area.
- C. Christoph who has been on the COA since 1988 shared this: Current members of the COA are a diverse, dedicated and enthusiastic group. They have undertaken worthwhile projects and worked hard make the area attractive to Farmington area older adults.
- Adjournment:
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:05. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 26 at the Farmington City Offices. Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary.