

**MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021
COSTICK CENTER
28600 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, 48336**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CO-CHAIR NANCY COOK AT 5:31.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARY BUCHAN, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
CARL CHRISTOPH, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
NANCY COOK, FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN
DAN FANTORE, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
JULIE MCCOWAN, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
KARINA WEGLARZ, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

MICHAEL BRIDGES, FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL LIASION
MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIASION

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CHUCK COLLINS, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
JANE FROST, FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN
COLLEEN IRVIN, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
LINDA LEE, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
KATHERINE MARSHALL, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
MARIAN SCHULTE, FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

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APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION BY CHRISTOPH, SUPPORT BY WEGLARZ, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED.

Yeas: Buchan, Christoph, Cook, Fantore, McCowan, Weglarz

Nays: None

Abstentions: Collins, Frost, Irvin, Lee, Marshall, Schulte

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY CHRISTOPH, SUPPORTED BY FANTORE, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING AS PUBLISHED.

Yeas: Buchan, Christoph, Cook, Fantore, McCowan, Weglarz

Nays: None

Abstentions: Collins, Frost, Irvin, Lee, Marshall, Schulte

Motion carried 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS, PROMOTIONS, AND WEBSITE:

- Webmaster Geri Furi has notified the commission that many phone numbers in the Adult Resource Directory are no longer accurate. Cook and Judge will verify all numbers.

EDUCATION:

- Weglarz and McCowan reported their efforts to educate the community on the financial exploitation of vulnerable adults. Each committee member was given a copy of a statement from the State of Michigan regarding this issue. McCowan asked the commission to approve a draft of a resolution that would indicate this commission's support of the State's efforts.

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APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT WAYS TO PREVENT FINANCIAL ABUSE, TO ASSESS COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE OF FINANCIAL ABUSE AND TO EXAMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICIES THAT RESIDENTS CAN USE IF THEY ARE VICTIMS OF ELDER ABUSE.

Motion by McCowan, supported by Christoph, to approve draft of resolution regarding elder abuse.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Buchan, Christoph, Cook, Fantore, McCowan, Weglarz

Nays: None

Abstentions: Collins, Frost, Irvin, Lee, Marshall, Schulte

Motion carried: 6-0

A seminar was held on November 10.

- McCowan has provided a 4-hour training session to police officers and inspectors who are frustrated by the difficulty of obtaining warrants from the prosecutor's office. Further training will be offered by the Michigan Attorney General's office.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Koet reported that a 2-year report of the commission's activities will be submitted after January.

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST.

- The breakfast will be held this year. Awards from 2020 were discussed. Koet suggested that the Senior Center volunteers and Goodfellows be honored.

SENIOR DIVISION REPORT:

- The Stars and Stripes ceremony was limited to 100 people. It was well attended.
- Acoustic Café is held on the second Monday of the month at 11 A.M.
- Christmas party is scheduled for December 12.

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- Meals on Wheels is serving about 200 in home, another 50 are picking up or eating at the Costick Center.

- Regularly scheduled activities at the center are down in size. Exercise classes continue.
- Adopt a Senior for Christmas is co ordinating with Goodfellows. About 500 will receive gifts.

OLD BUSINESS:AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Fantore suggested that nominations for new offices be suspended and that present officers would keep their positions. All present officers agreed.

AMBASSADOR REPORTS:

- Parks and Rec: Christoph reported on the expansion of the Arts program due to increased space at the Hawk. Blackthorne is scheduled for March 3 and am Elton John tribute about 2 weeks later.
- Michael Bridges, Farmington Hills city council liaison, stated that the council appreciates the work done by the COA. He expressed interest in the financial exploitation of seniors and offered services of the city to the COA.
- He also reported that the many power outages in the Farmington area are caused by DTE's failure to do necessary tree trimming. It is estimated the \$70 million dollars will be needed to resolve the issues.
- Problems with Spectrum have been intermittent. Sci Fi broadband will be available in about 2 years and should solve this problem.
- The Deer population is seen as a regional problem which will be solved by the region and not the City of Farmington Hills.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

The next meeting is February 22, 2022.

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary