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Senior Services/ Aging in Place Task Force

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Thursday, February 21, 2019

Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center – 3500 Marais, Royal Oak

Present: Bernadette Beach, Stephanie Comptois, Commissioner Douglas, Jeff Plachta , Paul Webb, Commissioner Douglas

1. Meeting called to order: 6:01 pm
2. Minutes read by Paul. Jeff asked for discussion. Jeff inquired about the role of the Fellows (interns) Shar explained they will be support to the committee and responsible for things like setting up the focus groups, making copies, etc. Questions asked about Focus Groups as well as domain meetings. Paul gave an overview of the purpose of both. Approval of minutes from January 31, 2019 meeting motion by Stephanie Comptois and seconded by Commissioner Douglas.
3. Commissioner Douglas reported the resolution was approved by the city commission on February 12, 2019. Commissioner Douglas also mentioned she asked to have a market stock for senior housing. There have been issues with zoning, parking spaces and ADA accessibility. This will be a good time to do this for future planning.
4. James Krizan report submitted in writing:
 - a. During the February 11, 2019 City Commission meeting, the city commission approved the city's application to the join the AARP's - Age Friendly Network. The following is a written update.
 - b. AARP response Our office has been in contact with the AARP's state office. We have yet to be officially recognized as a part of the age friendly network; however, we do not anticipate any issues with that moving forward.
 - c. March kickoff event updates We are now in full preparations for a March kickoff event. We have drafted an invitation letter with a planned agenda. We are currently targeting the morning of March 27. The meeting should be approximately one and a half hours long. Once we officially identify the location and confirm the date we will promote in earnest.
 - i. The draft agenda for the event looks like this:
 1. 9:00-9:30 Light Refreshments
 - 9:30-9:45 Welcome – Paula Cunningham, AARP State Dir.
 - 9:45-10:30 Age-Friendly Community Overview – Karen Kafantaris, AARP Assoc. State Dir.
 - Jeff Platcha, Senior Task Force Chairman (potentially) 10:30-

10:45 Get Involved: How You Can
Help –
Mayor Fournier or Mayor Pro Tem Douglas

- d. Community Focus Groups
The initial project proposal called for a total of six focus groups over the course of April and May of this year. It is our suggestion that the task force discuss what they feel are the best days/times to hold these and select a smaller group to work with us to finish planning and facilitating these events.
- e. We are also trying to leverage the resources of the AARP to help train the task force with facilitation skills.
5. Discussion held regarding details for the focus groups.
 - a. Dates and times should vary to get maximum participation
 - b. Kickoff March 27, tentatively, should look at April, May to do the focus groups.
 - c. Locations should include:
 - i. Mahany/Meininger Senior Community
 - ii. Salter Center
 - iii. Farmers Market
 - iv. Beaumont
 - v. Churchill community education center
 - d. Possible dates and times:
 - i. 04/13/2019 Daytime
 - ii. 04/16/2019 Evening
 - iii. 4/24 or 4/25/2019 possibly daytime at Farmer's Market?
 - iv. 04/29/19 Evening at Mahany/Meininger Senior Community
 - v. 05/01/2019 Evening
 - vi. 05/04/2019 Possibly Beaumont.
 - e. Stephanie and Jeff will work with city manager office as small group planning.
 - f. AARP James will let the committee know when facilitation training is scheduled.
6. Items not on agenda:
 - a. Bernadette sent out link to AARP Community Challenge Grant to the committee and Commissioner Douglas sent it on the Royal Oak Grant Writer.
 - b. Jeff brought up issue of handicapped parking in the Downtown area. After some discussion by the committee it was decided this is not a part of this committee's purpose. Jeff will ask for discussion on the Parks and Recreation Committee.
7. **Future meeting** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6pm.
8. Public Comment:
 - a. Jancie Wagman commented:

- i. She spoke to the city office and minutes of this committee are now showing on the website, since previous minutes had not been.
- ii. Stated Fridays is the busiest day the Mahany/Meininger Senior Community so that may be a consideration when scheduling focus groups.
- iii. Question regarding current membership of the Committee and Commission Douglas reported attendance at the committed is required and if someone misses 3 or 2 in a row they will be replaced. There is one position open which will have to be replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm