

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2010

Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

Present: Edna Cloutier, Carol Heidenway, Kay Davis, Don Mix, Mary Onsager, David Sharpe, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Charlotte Snow,

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Absent & Excused: David Bacon, Kelli Krcma, Betty Thompson, Larry Weiss

Call to order: J. Schwass-Long called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Minutes of May 3, 2011: Moved by K. Davis, seconded by M. Onsager to approve; passed unanimously.

Compliments & Concerns:

- Air conditioning and smell in elevator much improved(!); ongoing parking concerns.
- J. Schwass-Long compliment on how smoothly pancake breakfast was.

Director Comments: Cindy McGlynn

- The City of Stoughton is projecting a deficit for 2012. No one is sure where this money will come from and much hinges on State and County budget decisions.
- K. Davis noted Senator Mark Miller spoke on how the State budget may impact senior centers.
- County Executive Joe Parisi visited Senior Center last week; spoke with lunch participants about their thoughts and concerns. He appears to be well aware of senior services.
- State Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin spoke with guest U.S. House Representative/Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi at the Waunakee Senior Center about the proposed changes to Medicare.
 - These changes affect not only participants but also our staff with having to understand and navigate a new program.
- The amount of energy that goes into keeping up with all the Federal, State, County and local impact is staggering. We appreciate any letters, emails, calls you can provide in support.
- Out on Family Medical Leave for most of June; can still be reached by email.
- We will have an open house for Hollee in July.

Assistant Director Comments: Hollee Camacho

- After careful thought, I have decided to resign from my position here at the Senior Center as of July 22, 2011. This was not an easy decision, as those in attendance could tell from my tearful tone! I have enjoyed working with each of you and appreciate the support you have offered to me, the Senior Center staff and participants.

City Budgeting for Outcomes: Cindy McGlynn

- Cindy and Hollee are writing offers to fulfill the Results Teams' requests -what they propose to produce the priority, the cost and how the success will be measured.
 - Leadership Teams' offers are due to the Finance Dept. on June 20;
 - Results Teams will begin ranking training on June 23; several rankings will follow;
 - Dept. Heads, City Council and the Mayor will be have input in rankings as well;
 - Public Hearings are expected in August.
 - The Budget must be approved by the second meeting in November
 - County funding #'s expected in October; Towns budgets due in November
- Part of the offer is providing service alternatives; Cindy's concern is that it is impossible to

decrease the number of staff and to keep the same level of service.

- C. Snow added unfortunately these are struggles all municipalities are facing.
- D. Sharpe: we can be proud of Stoughton's progress; our values and priorities set a good model.
- C. McGlynn: one plus with all of this is the advocacy rejuvenation of the aging network of agencies who serve older adults (i.e. area agency on aging, transportation, senior centers, etc).
- Members discussed ways in which to support senior centers and to help older adults stay safe in their homes continuing to pay taxes and contributing to their communities. Please contact your local City Council alderperson to voice your opinion.

Syttende Mai: Cindy McGlynn

- On Sunday, about 12-15 people came in for concessions and to use the Senior Center. Many more came in to use the restroom; we need to consider time spent vs. outcome.
- A letter was sent to the Mayor regarding unhappiness with our reduction in hours.
- K. Davis suggested sitting down with the unhappy participants, explaining our budget restraints.
- Planning for Syttende Mai earlier would be helpful.

Legislative Update: Cindy McGlynn & Carol Heidenway

- Voter ID Bill passed
 - IDs are not needed in July elections, but from then on.
 - Individuals without transportation to Madison DMVs may be discouraged to vote. Once we know the process, we will work to find rides and mentors for these individuals.
 - To share your real-life stories on how this bill will affect you, call (608) 286-6308, so AARP may publicize the challenges associated with this bill.
- Medical Assistance Medical Ride Transportation process has changed.
 - The State has made this much more difficult for individuals to qualify for & receive rides; calls are answered by a company in Georgia with a long, cumbersome application process.
 - Reimbursement to contracted transportation services (i.e. Stoughton Cab) will be reimbursed for half the rate of what currently had been charged. For this reason many are refusing to sign-on to contract.
- Family Care: long-term care income-eligibility option for older adults and people with disabilities is provided to 55 counties in the State; Dane County is not covered and it is uncertain how it will continue to have such programs in place.
- To help with July 12 recall elections, people may call AARP at (608) 215-0040.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No committees met, except....

Volunteer: Cindy McGlynn

- Working on volunteer job descriptions, updating the handbook and application and creating a volunteer packet.
- Next meeting: **Monday, June 27, 2011 at 11:00 AM**

Program & Evaluation: Mary Onsager

- High School honors night gave out \$148,000 in scholarships.
- 46 people participated in the 6th grade Stoughton History interviews.
- Charlotte Snow, Don Mix and Rae Ladd spoke to the High School's U.S. History AP Class about their family experiences with the Great Depression.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved E. Cloutier, seconded by D. Mix to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM by J. Schwass-Long

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m