

## Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2011

Attending: David Sharpe, Betty Thompson, Carol Heidenway, Jeanne Schwaas-Long, Edna Cloutier, Mary Onsager,

Excused/Absent: Charlotte Snow, Larry Weiss, Kelli Krcma, Dave Bacon, Kay Davis, Don Mix

J. Schwaas-Long called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approved minutes from the June meeting with corrections to spelling of Jeanne's name and Carol wanted clarification of a statement that AARP was asking that Medicare be kept the same. Motion by Cloutier, seconded by Sharpe, passed unanimously.

Cindy shared a thank you note to the group from Hollee. She listed a website for photos of her travels, [www.picasaweb.google.com/holleec](http://www.picasaweb.google.com/holleec)

### Compliments/Concerns:

- Cindy relayed appreciation and compliments to staff members helping out during her medical leave of absence. All have gone above and beyond their regular duties.
- Jeanne Schwaas-Long also gave compliments to the staff and thank you for allowing her to use the facilities for her cooking class for individuals with disabilities.
- Carol Heidenway gave a compliment regarding the Senior Center newsletter. She says that our newsletter is among the best in the area for the information on community news, services, support groups and especially legislative issues.

### Director's comments:

- Cindy informed that former Commission member Elaine Halverson passed away.
- Cindy shared that there are 40 applicants for the Assistant Director position. She will ask a member of the COA to sit on the interview committee. She hopes for it to take place soon.
- The Budgeting for Outcomes process continues for the City. Ranking meetings will be taking place. Budgeting for 2012 will be directed by this process.

### Committee reports:

*Cindy mentioned that regular committee meetings will resume after she returns from family medical leave and the hiring of the new assistant director.*

**Public relations:** No report

**Finance:** Will be in August

**Program and Evaluation:** No report.

**Volunteer:** No report

Discussion of legislative issues took place, mostly regarding the Voter ID issue. Several gave compliments regarding the article in the Senior Center newsletter outlining the process. Transportation remains the biggest concern. RSVP will be able to give rides to older adults to the DMV, but some members questioned if volunteers were needed to assist individuals at the DMV. Cindy will check into that possibility.

Motion to adjourn by M. Onsager and seconded by C. Heidenway  
Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m. by J. Schwaas-Long

Minutes submitted by C. McGlynn