

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center**

**Present:** Bob Barnett, Sid Boersma, Cathy Christman, Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Barb Manson, Bob McGeever, Mary Onsager, Jeanne Schwass-Long, David Sharpe

**Staff Present:** Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

**Guests Present:** Mayor Tim Swadley

**Absent & Excused:** Faith Schuck, Susan Wollin

**Call to order:** L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

**January Minutes:** Moved by J. Schwass-Long, B. Manson seconded to approve; passed unanimously with one typo to edit.

### **Comments by Director:**

- Our four case managers received their first dose of COVID vaccinations; the rest of our staff and volunteers who assist with Meals on Wheels in the kitchen and with delivery will be eligible in the 1b phase.
- We were made aware that some Meals on Wheels drivers have been breaking our safety protocol by going into people's homes. With more and more people testing positive including meal recipients it is vital that we keep the stance of treating everyone in our contact as a potential exposure to the COVID virus.
- We are getting lots of questions about vaccinations (especially since the Stoughton Senior Center in Massachusetts is a vaccine site!). Our message to the public is to contact your physician's office or Dane County Public Health.
- We are also getting questions about the [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site in Stoughton](#).
- Staff remains busy providing case management, home delivered meals, meal pick-up events, online programming and support groups.

**Re-Opening Status:** While we are hopeful with more and more people getting COVID-19 vaccines, we still have no immediate plans for reopening the Stoughton Area Senior Center. If and when Public Health deems it safe to open, we expect to do so gradually beginning with small group activities confined to the main floor. Also, we anticipate the continued need for mask-wearing since it is not guaranteed that a vaccinated person cannot spread the virus.

### **Annex Update:**

- Last Tuesday the Finance Committee discussed our proposal to regain the use of the annex.
  - Committee members had questions for Stoughton Recreation Director Dan Glynn regarding Youth Center usage, who confirmed the Center is not available during the week for more than a one-time meeting or class. Cindy also reiterated that the same goes for EMS, Fire, and Stoughton Health's buildings.

- The proposal COA submitted did a nice job of describing the cost-effectiveness for obtaining the annex over other forms of expansion, and the specific classes and workshops we have in mind for using the annex space on an ongoing basis.
- L. Havlik thanked Mayor Swadley for his help in getting the members to make a decision; while the morality of the situation was understood, it also left all parties in a difficult state of limbo.
- In the end, in order to give tenants time to prepare a move and the Senior Center time to fundraise to renovate the space, the Finance Committee approved the motion for the annex rental agreement to end on December 31, 2022.
- Now the request is on City Council's next meeting agenda on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.
- L. Havlik thanked everyone for their involvement in the process so far and asked if it would be helpful for COA members to attend the meeting.
- Cindy encourages anyone interested to request a link to the meeting and added that people may register to speak or share a written comment during the public portion of the meeting [through the meeting's agenda link](#). We will be sharing this information with participants too.

**Committee Reports:** No committees have met.

**Legislative Update:** There have been no changes to County or City Budgets.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved by D. Sharpe and seconded by B. McGeever to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

**Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, March 2, 2020 at 11:00 AM**