

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

**Present:** Cathy Christman, Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Barb Manson, Bob McGeever, Mary Onsager, Faith Schuck, Jeanne Schwass-Long, David Sharpe, Joyce Tikalsky, Susan Wollin

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

**Absent & Excused:** Bob Barnett

**Call to order:** L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

**Welcome & Introductions:** We welcomed our newest member, City Council Representative Joyce Tikalsky. Joyce has volunteered with the Senior Center for many years and is currently providing Tech Support to participants over the phone.

**April Minutes:** Moved by R. Gausman, D. Sharpe seconded to approve; passed unanimously.

### **Elections of COA Officers:**

- **Chair:** Motion by R. Gausman to elect **Lou Havlik**, seconded by C. Christman; carried unanimously.
- **Vice Chair:** Motion by R. Gausman to elect **Barb Manson**, seconded by C. Christman; carried unanimously.

### **Comments by Director:**

- On Wednesday, City Leadership will be meeting to discuss each department's plans for reopening.
- The Senior Center's plan is to begin taking appointments in the next week for four activities: Pool Room, Wood Shop, Computer, and Wii Bowling. Attendees will need to register for an appointment, wear a mask, and keep a safe 6-foot distance from others. The amount of people is based on how many people can keep a safe distance in the space. All will be asked to enter at the main door in front of reception and asked the following screening questions. Anyone who answers yes will not be permitted in the building.
  - Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 48 hours?
  - Have you been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with anyone who is known to have COVID-19 or anyone with COVID-19 symptoms?
  - Are you or anyone in your household waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?
- Reopening planning has been a daunting task after having been closed to the public for so long. Since we cannot lawfully ask if people are vaccinated, we are starting out slow in our re-opening rollout to ensure everyone's safety the best we can. We will evaluate the process and add more activities as we go.
- We are also offering an outdoor Tai Chi class on Mondays; they will be using the garage on rainy days.

- The City had the Senior Center, City Hall and Public Safety's landscaping done. Our volunteer Diane Roth planted flowers in planters and our flower boxes. All looks great!
- An Eagle Scout is working on a new kayak launching entrance.
- Mary Onsager will no longer be serving on COA as of June 1. Mary has been a member of the COA for over 25 years –she has been our one and only school representative. She has been a great guide for the Senior Center. Her greatest legacy has been the 6<sup>th</sup> grade history interviews where many wonderful moments were shared between students and participating older adults. Many thanks to you Mary for your dedicated service.
- Cindy will be reaching out to Tim Onsager, Stoughton School Superintendent for suggestions for the next appointee.
- J. Tikalsky extended thanks to Sid Boersma for his service to COA as a City Council Representative. She is thankful for the knowledge and advice he's shared with her.

**Staff Update:** Lou and Dave helped with interviews to fill the Program & Volunteer Coordinator position. We offered the position to the candidate that was supported unanimously, but the offer was declined. We have reopened the posting for the position and hope to have more interviews with experienced candidates in the next week or two.

**Committee Reports:** No committees have met. The Fund Development Committee will meet soon, followed by the Public Relations Committee to begin work on our fundraising campaign.

**Legislative Update:** The City Budget process has started. Aside from our request for the Annex, Cindy will not be requesting any more changes to the Senior Center's budget.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved by B. Manson and seconded by M. Onsager to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

**Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM**