

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Present: Cathy Christman, Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Barb Manson, Bob McGeever, Faith Schuck, Jeanne Schwass-Long, David Sharpe, Marcia Standard, David Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Guest Present:

Absent & Excused: Susan Wollin

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

Introductions: Welcomed David Thomas who is joining Commission on Aging as a representative. He shared he has been living back in Stoughton for about five years and since being a participant at the Senior Center he's proud to be involved with the COA.

August Minutes: Moved by B. McGeever, D. Sharpe seconded to approve with suggested typo edits; passed unanimously.

Comments by Director

- Discussed the COA membership is nearly full. Cindy has an email out to the Stoughton School Superintendent for school COA representative recommendations.
- Discussed how COA meetings are open to the public and those who are interested to attend may get access to the link through the City meetings page on the City's website.
- The Senior Center's parking lot has been under construction since August 27. It is eliminating one of our main entrances and the garage and upper parking areas. Currently, public may enter through the garage door or the Main street entrance.
- We are continuing our drive through meals, which continue to be well attended.
- We continue to have a waiting list for case management new referrals, which we began in early June. If it is not a crisis situation, new referrals are being told they will need to wait 2 – 3 weeks for a call back from a case manager. Staff have been wonderful working through this difficult time of staff shortage.
- Now that we are back to indoor mask requirements, our programming has slowed down and we are continuing to be careful about scheduling larger groups. Next week, John Beutel's Music Appreciation will begin at the Opera House where masks are required and there is a lot of space for distancing.

Staff Updates: We have hired Brian Aarstad to fill the full-time case manager position. Brian will begin on Monday, September 13. We had several good candidates, and Brian was exemplary. We very much look forward to him joining our team.

Fundraisers

- The pork sandwich meal fundraiser brought us \$1500.
- The fundraising letter went out last week. We are very pleased with the start to this fundraiser kick-off; so far it has brought in \$10,000 in donations. Extra donation envelopes are here at the Center.
- Hollee and Cindy submitted grant applications for annex renovation funds and L. Havlik is working on another.
- Cindy is working with the City to employ a contractor to get a plan set for the renovation. Towards the end of the year Cindy hopes to have some plan renderings to share at public open houses. At that point she hopes to speak with the Hub and also place outside the building a thermometer to display the Center's latest fundraising activity.
- Cindy would like to begin calling potential big donors. M. Standard added that now is when people and corporations are beginning to make their budgets.

Committee Reports: No committees met.

Legislative Update: The City Budget process has started. Cindy will not be requesting new employee staff hour increases in 2022. The County has not reported significant changes to their budget.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by R. Gausman and seconded by J. Tikalsky to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM