

City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

April 14, 2011
Minutes

Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:03 pm in room 333 City Hall.
Committee has quorum with 16 of its 22 members present.

Present

Lisa Abicht-Swensen, Frank Broderick, Allen Brookins-Brown, Rita Deyo, Terry Diebold, Elana Gravitz, Jean Greener, Fay Harrison, Marci Holley Bartlett, Marilyn Holm, Thomas Leavey, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Roland Minda, Herb Nelson, Ray Olson, Patrick Rowan

MDHFS Staff

Ruth Kildow, Becky McIntosh, Kim Stringfellow

NCR Staff

None

Guests

Council Member Quincy

Absent

Dr. Lawrence Kerzner

Excused Absence

James Adams, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Jeanne Hanson, Joanna Lees, Dorothy Robinson

Minutes and Agenda

March 10, 2011 minutes and April 14, 2011 agenda were both approved unanimously.

Council Member John Quincy, Ward 11

Council Member Quincy updated the committee of the delay of acquisition of property, Northup School site, to be redeveloped into senior co-op housing. This development will provide more opportunity for seniors to live in Minneapolis. There will be an annual clean-a-thon at Nokomis Healthy Seniors and a group of teens have committed their time to participate. Preliminary highlights of the Resident Survey, previously done in 2001 and 2008, showed Minneapolis ranks very high when compared to other cities. Other results address quality of life, feeling safe, access to information and responsiveness of city employees, city website and snow emergency information, and community engagement. Bad news is discrimination has increased, which includes race, ability to secure employment, police treatment and age discrimination. Statistics on seniors age 65 and older was requested, and Ruth Kildow will be able to request that data and share with the group. This was a telephone survey interview with 1300 respondents. 2010 Census Data, when compared to the 2000 Census, showed an increase in the population for the downtown area of 1800, with an overall decrease of 40 people in Minneapolis. CDBG funding to Minneapolis will be cut by 17%, about \$2.5 million. Also expect LGA cuts, which will have a direct impact to public services.

Action: Ruth Kildow will request rich data on demographics of seniors.

Committee Reports

Health – Lisa Abicht-Swensen

- County Health Rankings by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This 2011 report ranks Minnesota counties according to summary measures of health outcomes and health factors.
Action: At May meeting, the committee will look at programs and policies, and identify one or two areas to take to City Council.
- Last week Lisa was in Washington DC on capital hill meeting with representatives, talking about End of Life Care. She was able to meet with Representative Keith Ellison, Senator Al Franken, and Congressman Tim Walz in person. Three issues: 1) Face to Face Encounter. To be in compliance, effective April 1 any individual seeking home care services will be required to have a face to face meeting with their attending physician within 30 days prior to or 30 days after; 2) Survey Process. Minnesota Department of Health is requiring every 7-9 years, a change from previous requirement of every 12 months; and 3) Reimbursement. Hospices are being affected by 2% cut over seven years, and will start to see hospice programs close. Currently there are 26 programs in the Metro area.

Legislative – Jean Greener

- No report.

Senior Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

- There will be a luncheon on May 13 at the Park high rise located at 1505 Park Ave, with information about grandparents meeting to be presented. The cost is \$3.00. For more information contact Ruth Kildow.
- Heritage on Pond meeting today. They have a gardening program. There will be a new program, garden from your wheelchair, happening at 18th and Central Ave NE.
- May is Older American's Month. The UCare Skyway Senior Center will be holding a celebration.
- Sabathani will have legal services available by Dorsey Whitney, pro bono, by appointment only.
- The Healthy Seniors Program will be honoring seniors in May.
- SCAC members are invited to a luncheon on May 12 from 12:00-1:00 pm in Room 319 City Hall. Mayor Rybak has been invited to attend.

Old/New Business

1. Becky McIntosh updated committee regarding the funding to Minneapolis for senior related activities. Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) has two senior-focused housing projects for 2011; and moving forward in the strategic plan, Ahmed will be doing a more in depth survey with departments. The mayor has asked departments to use a different budget process for 2012. Instead of figuring out how to make specific \$ cuts in the department budget, the focus now is to put resources into areas of city goals. The goal of Livable Communities, Healthy Lives will encompass housing and transportation, specifically preparing City for aging population, not just health but housing, public works and other areas.
2. Traffic safety and stop lights – Allen Brookins-Brown. This item has been moved to the May meeting for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Next Meeting

May 12, 2011

- Luncheon from 12:00-1:00 pm, 319 City Hall
- Meeting from 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall

Minutes submitted by Kim Stringfellow and reviewed by Patrick Rowan, Marci Holley Bartlett and Ruth Kildow.