

City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

April 12, 2012

Minutes

Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. in room 241 City Hall
Committee has quorum with 13 of its 20 members present.

Present

Patrick Rowan, Fay Harrison, Thomas Leavey, Raymond Olson, Herbert Nelson, Marilyn Holm, Joanna Lees, Marci Holley-Bartlett, Jean Greener, James Adams, Dorothy Robinson, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean

NCR Staff

Ruth Kildow, Ida Bros

Absent

Dr. Lawrence Kerzner, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Terry Diebold, Elana Gravitz, Roland Minda, Lisa Abicht-Swensen, Ahmed Muhumud

Minutes and Agenda

Motion was made to approve the March 8, 2012 minutes and April 12, 2012 agenda, these items were seconded and approved by all. Motion carries.

Old/New Business

Chair, Patrick Rowan announced he and a sub-group will meet next Friday, April 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., to discuss the committee priority issues. Also, he wants to get a small group together to review the committee bylaws and recommend changes to the bylaws, which will be brought forward for a Council action. The committee had a discussion about pedestrian safety and who would be the best contact to express their concerns. The committee talked about the voter ID amendment and the committee will seek educational opportunities and provide recommendation.

Guest

Scott Gray, President and CEO of the Minneapolis Urban League. Scott spoke about his background and his work with the Urban League. He also, shared the Gateway to Opportunity offers programs and services to help people. He talked about the urban league strategic advocacy direction. For more information view the following link: <http://www.mul.org>

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Jean Greener

- Jean started her update by telling the committees about Al Franken push to get the Farm Bill pass in Congress; she gave background information regarding the bill and the funds available for senior nutrition. <http://blog.alfranken.com/2012/04/16/keyc-frankens-push-to-get-farm-bill-passed-in-congress/>
- Jean provided some statistics to the group and she said the Older American Act has funds available for various programs; she encourages each committee member to let their legislators know you support the Older American Act. http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_programs/OAA/index.aspx

Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

- The Longfellow Steward is having their Spaghetti Fundraising event: Thursday, April 26, 2012, 5:30 p.m-8:00 p.m. at the Minnehaha Academy -get direction: <http://minnehahaacademy.net/allschool/directions.php>)
- Fundraising events for Southeast Seniors: Saturday, April 28, 2012, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Avenue SE, for more information view link: <http://www.seniormpls.org/programs-and-events>
- *The 10th Annual Clean-A-Thon* is held Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 8:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church-4120 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis (breakfast and lunch will be served), for more information or to volunteer contact Nokomis Healthy Seniors 612.729.5499 or email: info@nokomishealthyseniors.org
- The Minnesota Gerontological Society (MGS) is hosting a 2012 conference, held April 12, 2012, Brochures were handed out, for more information view link: www.mngero.org

Announcements

SCAC meeting moved to City Hall – **Room 241**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next Meeting

May 10, 2012, 1:00-2:30 pm, **241 City Hall.**

Minutes submitted by Ida Bros

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