

City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

May 10, 2012

Minutes

Vice President Marci Holley Bartlett opened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. in room 241 City Hall Committee has quorum with 10 of its 22 members present.

Present

Thomas Leavey, Rita Deyo, Raymond Olson, Herbert Nelson, Marilyn Holm, Joanna Lees, Marci Holley-Bartlett, Jean Greener, James Adams, Terry Diebold, Dorothy Robinson, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Lisa Abicht-Swensen

NCR Staff

Ruth Kildow, Ida Bros

Absent

President Patrick Rowan, Dr. Lawrence Kerzner, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Elana Gravitz, Roland Minda, Fay Harrison, Ahmed Muhumud, Dorothy Robinson, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Jeanne Hanson

Minutes and Agenda

Due to a lack of quorum no motion was made to approve the April 12, 2012 minutes and May 10, 2012 agenda.

Old/New Business

- Vice Chair, Marcia Holley-Bartlett announced the new Heritage Park senior building has a YMCA for people 55 years or older; she explains a membership fee is required to use the YMAC facility and Vice Chair, Marcia Holley-Bartlett, also talked about other senior service the facility has to offer. <http://msphometour.com/homes/901-1015-4th-ave-n-350-van-white-boulevard>.
- Vice Chair, Marcia Holley-Bartlett request the next meeting (June 14, 2012) do not have a speaker; the committee will focus on the priority results.

Guests:

Vice President Robert Lilligren, shared with the committee his career background and the work he is doing in his ward, he provided hand outs and informed the committee about his online Ward 6th newsletters, which is sent out every council cycle and he encourage people to sign up. He explained his ward bounties and the demographics groups of people. He also, talked about transportation projects. The committee had Q&A discussion with Vice President Robert Lilligren regarding mobility challenges and pedestrian problems.

Sarah Ringold, from the Health Department gave the committee a power point presentation regarding emergency preparedness. Here is the power point:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-093294.pptx>

There were discussions regarding seniors 'needs during an emergency such as; access to medication, food/no food, various restricted diets, traffic issues, frail population living at home/how to reach them, know your neighbor so they can help and have a person-to-person communications system; a couple of suggestions were made to get help to seniors such as visiting nurse assistance (see attach link for reference/resources): <http://www.mnaging.org/> or have group leaders in the neighborhoods again and having seniors helping seniors.

Committee Reports

Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

Ruth, informed the committee that Noy Woodrich is the new President of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, Ruth suggest notifying Noy Woodrich to welcome her to her new position and inform her of the reduced core services to seniors due to funding cuts. The provided link has Noy's background information:

<http://www.minnpost.com/political-agenda/2012/04/noya-woodrich-named-greater-minneapolis-council-churches-president>

Ruth talked about writing a letter to Skip Humphrey on behalf of the committee; to thank him for representing seniors at the Senate. Ruth suggested inviting Skip to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee as a guest speaker and hold the meeting at the Heritage House.

<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/speeches/testimony-of-hubert-h-skip-humphrey-iii-before-the-senate-subcommittee-on-financial-institutions-and-consumer-protection/>

Health & Safety Committee – Lisa Abicht-Swensen

Lisa, talked about Centra Care of Medicine Service (CMS) release two initiative

- Administration for Community Living
- Community vs Choice Option

These two initiatives enable states to have the ability to provide whole array of Home and Community base services to people who were previously not eligible. These programs are for people who do not qualify for institutional levels of care, but have significant service needs.

Lisa gave an update on the Reducing Avoidable Effectively (RARE) Campaign, for more information view the attach website: <http://www.rarereadmissions.org/>

Legislative Committee- Jean Greener

Health and Human Service Ombudsman budget bill had some nice pieces that will be better for seniors, such as cost sharing and family deductibles related to payment system, change how license health care providers are regulated. There was a delay in reducing the rate for PCA's. There was some legislation related to medical assist for disability, elderly waiver, and felony penalty for intentionally neglect elderly. (News article attach:

<http://www.startribune.com/politics/statelocal/139476443.html>)

Jean told the committee the legislators heard from seniors and advocates, which made a difference with budget reductions.

Announcements

- SCAC meeting for June 14, 2012 will be held in **City Hall –room 333**
- No guest speaker at the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next Meeting

This meeting is canceled -June 14, 2012, 1:00-2:30 pm, **333 City Hall**

Minutes submitted by Ida Bros

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