

City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
February 14, 2013
Minutes

President Present Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. in room 333 City Hall Committee had a quorum with 14 of its 22 members present.

Present

Patrick Rowan, Marci Holley-Bartlett, Dorothy Robinson, Ellen Wolfson, Lola Panschar, Jay Ludke, Herbert Nelson, Fay Harrison, Roland Minda, Joanna Lees, James Adam, Raymond Olson, Thomas Leavy, Margie Curtis

NCR Staff

Christine Kendrick, Ida Bros

Excused Absent: Jean Greener, George Marinkov-Omorean

Unexcused Absent: Robert Albee

Minutes and Agenda

Motion was made to approve the January 10, 2013 meeting minutes & February 14th 2013 Agenda seconded and approved by all. Motion carries.

Old Business

Christina Kendrick announced to the Committee the City Council suspends ward representatives.

New Business

New members were welcome (Jay Ludke, Lola Panschar, Margie Curtis, & Ellen Wolfson), and everyone introduced themselves. The Committee went through their roles, responsibilities and meeting expectations moving forward. The Committee discussed three priority areas and the members decided to break out into small groups (sub-committees) so they can have a broader discussions, volunteers choose their topic of interest, the purpose of the sub-committees is to develop a strategic action plan around their chosen priority area and report progress and how or when to move these ideas/actions forward to City Council.

Three Priority Sub-Committees:

- **Health Care Education**-Patrick Rowan & Ellen Wolfson
- **Safe Neighborhood & Streets**-Dorothy Robinson, Lola Panschar, Margie Curtis, Raymond Olson, Joanna Lees, James Adams
- **Affordable Housing in all Neighborhoods**-Marcia Holley-Bartlett & Margie Curtis

Guest: Lance Knuckles from Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR)

Lance presented a Work Plan that focuses on the Equity Directive of the City Council; Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) staff in cooperation with the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) developed a Work Plan which included engaging neighborhood organizations on the issues of equity and improving connections between neighborhood organizations and city departments.

The goal to this process will be:

- (1) Keep neighborhood organizations and other stakeholders informed of the process.
- (2) Solicit input and feedback on options for addressing the equity directive.
- (3) Create a feedback loop to keep stakeholders aware of how their input was used to develop the final recommendations.

NCR staff will organize city-wide meetings to conduct one or more focus groups at each meeting; staff will be sensitive to current meeting schedules, and will seek times that minimize interference with regularly scheduled neighborhood meetings. NCR staff will follow up as necessary with neighborhood organizations to ensure that as many as possible are involved in the process as practicable. Lance expressed gratitude to ideas and participation; it is very important and he encourages a representative from this body to attend some of these meetings. This is an opportunity for seniors and the SCAC to partner with NCEC/NCR to identify specific questions and issues. This committee can engage neighborhood associations on issues they are aware of and provide direction on how and where to engage senior community. This approach is coming from an engagement strategy, which will strengthen this committee's work.

Lance will continue to work with identified SCAC representatives as this initiative development moves forward.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2013, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall

Minutes submitted by Ida Bros

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