



**Age Friendly Evanston Task Force
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – 2:00pm
Levy Center 300 Dodge Avenue, Linden Room**

Members Present: Susan Cherco, Sue Canter, Dorothy Strong, Irene Pierce, Jo-Ann Cromer, Helen Gagel, Martha Holmes (2:12 pm)

Members Absent: Wayne Heimbach, Isidro Lucas

Staff Present: Johanna Leonard, Jim Hurley, Pat Efiom

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair Susan Cherco called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of May 23, 2017

Dorothy Strong corrected the spelling of her name in the draft minutes. Susan Canter moved approval of the meeting minutes of May 23, 2017 with corrections, Dorothy Strong seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved (5-0).

3. CHAIR REPORT

Johanna Leonard introduced Management Analyst Jim Hurley to the Task Force, who will now serve as the staff liaison.

Chair Cherco attended the Street Light Master Plan meeting. The City has been studying lighting in different parts of the community and will implement best practices to improve street lighting. The Task Force also learned the Housing Survey is now open.

4. STAFF REPORT

Equity and Empowerment Coordinator Pat Efiom was introduced to the Task Force. The Task Force discussed how to improve participation across the community. The Office of Equity and Empowerment conducted a community survey. Results will be available on August 7, 2017 and presented at the Health and Human Services Committee.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Social Participation and Respect & Social Inclusion: Dorothy Strong and Jo-Ann Cromer combined the Respect & Social Inclusion with Social Participation. The sub-committees met with Economic Development Manager Paul Zalmezak for ideas to grow business discounts for seniors. The sub-committees have a meeting scheduled with Audrey Thompson on August 1st. Will send out a notice.
- B. Spaces & Buildings: Susan Canter discussed the outdoor spaces / accessibility review at local businesses. 28 of 39 streets had issues. Will meet with Paulina Martinez on August 11th to discuss results and improvements.
- C. Community & Health Services: Age-Friendly training for 311 staff was completed. Staff reviewed scenarios and how to respond to the needs of residents. Irene Pierce met with Carolyn Licherman to discuss a dementia initiative. Could be a topic at a future Task Force meeting.
- D. Transportation: The Transit Planning 4 All has been underutilized. More than 375 responded to a community survey, 20% reporting a transportation barrier. Helen Gagel will meet with Transportation & Mobility Coordinator Katie Knapp to discuss simplifying the T4All grant map to improve ridership.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the Age-Friendly Action Plan next steps. There was consensus to create an implementation plan. Staff will draft a plan that will be reviewed and discussed at the September meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Canter moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 pm; seconded by Martha Holmes. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved (5-0).