



**Age Friendly Evanston Task Force  
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 – 2:00pm  
Levy Center 300 Dodge Avenue, Linden Room**

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**Members Present:** Susan Cherco, Dorothy Strong, Jo-Ann Cromer, Sue Canter

**Members Absent:** Wayne Heimbach, Isidro Lucas, Irene Pierce, Helen Gagel, Martha Holmes

**Staff Present:** Audrey Thompson

Attendees discussed the Evanston Benefit Card Merchant application. The application was reviewed with regards to what businesses would have to do to be considered age friendly.

The Task Force would like to build collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Evanston, Main and Central street businesses to be part of the discount program.

To promote age friendly businesses the City could consider awarding a decal or publicizing on the website. From Sue's research the Task Force could create a scoring rubric. The Task Force also discussed how to help businesses improve their score by implementing age friendly practices.

The next steps include the following:

- Audrey would find out what the City is willing to offer.
- Audrey would find out if the City had a member of the American Planning Association.
- Updated the Age friendly business brochure
- Develop a checklist created based on AARP, WHO and ADA, etc. Checklist needs to be scored
- Canvas businesses from list serve, on-line information, etc.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15pm.