



**Age Friendly Evanston Task Force  
September 26, 2017 – 2:00pm  
Levy Center 300 Dodge Avenue, Library**

**Members Present:** Susan Cherco, Sue Canter, Dorothy Strong, Jo-Ann Cromer, Helen Gagel, Martha Holmes

**Members Absent:** Irene Pierce

**Staff Present:** Jim Hurley

**1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Susan Cherco called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The meeting was moved to the Levy Center Library due to the noise from recreational activities. Notice was given to Levy Center Staff and signs were posted throughout the facility.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of July 22, 2017**

Ms. Canter moved approval of the meeting minutes of July 22, 2017, Ms. Gagel seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved (6-0).

**Approval of SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES of August 1, 2017**

Ms. Strong moved approval of the Special meeting minutes of August 1, 2017, Ms. Canter seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved (6-0).

Carolyn Lickerman provided a presentation to the Task Force about the Dementia Awareness Program for Evanston.

Doraine Price provided comment about concerns with City staff.

**3. CHAIR REPORT**

The Task Force was updated on the discussion at the September 18, 2017 City Council meeting.

Chair Cherco discussed the Age Friendly Implementation Plan and Age-Friendly Business program.

**4. STAFF REPORT**

Jim Hurley introduced the draft Age Friendly Implementation Plan. Task Force members reviewed the draft Plan and provided input. Task members agreed to provide revisions to the Implementation Plan by October 10, 2017.

The Task Force requested for the following information:

- how to access the City's Senior Staff Directory
- how to access the City's coUrbanize webpage for the 1450-1508 Sherman Ave Planned Development
- where residents can access print copies of the Evanston Life Magazine

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Social Participation and Respect & Social Inclusion: Ms. Strong provided updates on the Age Friendly Evanston Business program. Ms. Strong, Ms. Cromer and Ms. Canter met with Levy Center Ombudsman Audrey Thompson to discuss options for promoting age-friendly businesses. The next steps are to develop age-friendly business evaluation guidelines and create a press release to share information about the program with the business community.
- B. Spaces and Buildings: Ms. Canter reported on the accessibility data that was collected by sub-committee members. Ms. Canter met with Economic Development staff to learn about local business groups that would be interested in learning about physical changes to improve access for older adults. Ms. Canter is working with Ms. Strong and Ms. Cromer on creating educational materials to promote steps to become age-friendly businesses.
- C. Transportation: Ms. Gagel met with Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Katherine Knapp. Ridership through the TransAssist 4 Evanston program has increased due to participation of a local group. The grant will likely extend beyond October 2017. Ms. Gagel provided updates from the PACE/CTA North Shore Coordination Plan Open House meeting at the Levy Center. Task Force members were encouraged to attend an upcoming discussion on brain health with the Commission on Aging.
- D. Housing: Chair Cherco attended the Joining Forces for Affordable Housing meeting in August 2017. Members discussed a supportive housing feasibility study that is expected to cost between \$10-\$12k.
- E. Civic Participation & Employment: No Report for this Committee.
- F. Communication & Information: Ms. Holmes discussed the sub-committee's interest in working with Council members to improve communication with older adults.
- G. Community & Health Services: No Report for this Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Canter moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Strong. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Hurley