



MEETING MINUTES
Commission on Aging
Thursday, November 10, 2016, ~ 7:00pm
Victor Walchirk Apartments 2300 Noyes Court

Members Present: Marcia Achenbach, Sue Canter, Alan Factor, Donna Feldman, William Green, Bonnie Lockhart, Jessie Macdonald, Susan Morse, Catherine O'Brien, Barbara Roberts, Dorothy Strong, and Jane Wickenkamp

Members Absent: Rick Gergerian, Beverly Shearer, and Dave Sutor

Staff Present: Marchelle Bonner, Senior Services Assistant and Audrey Thompson, Long-Term Ombudsman

Guests: Tom Giller, North Shore Senior Center, Carla Frisch, Supervisor and Jamie Farrell, Case Manager, Metropolitan Family Services (Adult Protective Services) and 17 tenants from Walchirk Apartments

Presiding Member: Mary Signatur, Chair

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair Signatur called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm followed by introduction of Commission members and guests. Chair Signatur briefly discussed the COA, when it started, composition and mission.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of October 6, 2016

One correction to the minutes from October 6th included open house/reception for Shore Homes being renamed as a grand opening. With the correction, the minutes were approved.

Special Presentation from Adult Protective Services

Carla Frisch, Supervisor for Adult Protective Services at Metropolitan Family Services reviewed with attendees the handout entitled "Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation: How You Can Help" brochure. She defined abuse, confinement, neglect, and exploitation.

Jamie Farrell, Case Manager for Adult Protective Services at Metropolitan Family Services spoke about a financial exploitation and emotional abuse case she worked recently and the steps taken to assist the client, once the victim agreed to accept the services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Term Care Committee (LTCC)

1. Ms. Canter talked about the different presentations and workshops for the upcoming Common Sense About Our Senses event. She invited everyone to attend. She stated that volunteers are still needed for the November 17th experiential event to be held at the Levy Center.

RELEVANT COMMITTEE (AGE FRIENDLY)

The following topics were discussed in reference to the Age Friendly Evanston Task Force:

1. Ms. Canter explained to attendees the mission of the Task Force.
2. The Age Friendly Evanston Task Force will meet quarterly instead of monthly.
3. People are still needed for the each of the subcommittees on the Task Force.
4. The next meeting will be held December 20th.
5. The Task Force is now operating in the implementation phase.
6. Mr. Factor reported that there will be a Housing Committee meeting in 2 weeks
7. Concerns about public transportation were discussed with much emphasis placed, by attendees, on accommodations being made for individuals with disabilities at many of the CTA train stops. Attendees were concerned that the stop near Walchirk is not accessible, which is a problem, given the fact that older adults and individuals with disabilities live so close to this stop. Ms. Canter stated that the Task Force also shared this concern.
8. Taxi coupon concerns were addressed by Ms. Thompson and the following highlighted:
 - a. Proper use of coupons, which includes the ability to use coupons in Evanston, Lincolnwood, Skokie and Wilmette,
 - b. How to file a complaint and information needed to file a complaint
 - c. How to purchase coupons which includes purchasing in person or by phone.

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORT

Chair Signatur discussed the formation of the Work Plan Committee and the idea that there would be a report made on the progress of the Committee by the next Commission meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Thompson discussed the following highlights:

1. Presentation in honor of Jane Wickenkamp for her services as Commission on Aging Chairperson.
2. Ms. Thompson explained her role as Ombudsman.
3. Ms. Thompson addressed concerns about tenant council after a discussion by tenants that the former council had been disbanded.
4. Ms. Thompson also spoke about the Consumer Voice Conference that she attended in early November. She noted that of most interest was a session about agents who overstep their fiduciary authority when serving under a Power of Attorney document.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ms. Lockhart attended the 5th Ward monthly meeting where there was a budget presentation, cradle to career fund discussion, and a discussion on programs for the youth of Evanston.
2. Mr. Green discussed the Elder Justice Tour and the services offered to the aging population.
3. Commission members were also reminded to bring gifts to the next meeting for grandparents raising grandchildren with a recommended spending amount of \$15-\$20.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lockhart discussed the need for Commission on Aging name tags when attending events and representing the Commission. Ms. Thompson stated that the name tags were being made.

COMMUNICATIONS

Walchirk tenants were invited to ask questions or bring up issues to COA. Issues were discussed during the course of the meeting (e.g. public transportation, tenant council, Roundtable, Holiday Party).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marchelle Bonner, Senior Services Assistant