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**Age Friendly Evanston Task Force
January 23, 2018 – 2:00pm
2100 Ridge Ave., Civic Center**

Members Present: Susan Cherco, Sue Canter, Dorothy Strong, Irene Pierce, Helen Gagel

Members Absent: Martha Holmes, Jo-Ann Cromer

Staff Present: Jim Hurley, Audrey Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair Susan Cherco called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of November 28, 2017

Ms. Gagel moved approval of the meeting minutes of November 28, 2017, Ms. Pierce seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved (5-0).

3. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Cherco will meet with the Mayor on January 31, 2018 to discuss the priorities for the Task Force.

The Street Lighting Master Plan meeting is this evening to review the initial results of the public comment period.

4. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Hurley reminded Task Force members to provide their Ward #.

The Implementation Plan will be completed and posted on the City's website after the meeting. If any sub-committee has questions or needs assistance with their initiatives then he asked they schedule a meeting with him.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Social Participation and Respect & Social Inclusion: Ms. Strong and Ms. Canter provided updates on the Age Friendly Evanston Business program. The sub-committee met with a group of local business leaders to review the proposed criteria to evaluate businesses for age-friendliness. The

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subcommittee is revising the criteria and developing a plan to implement the program.

- B. Spaces and Buildings: Ms. Canter reported the sub-committee presented recommendations for improvements to park infrastructure and facilities at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) committee meeting in January. The sub-committee will periodically continue to present recommendations at future meetings.
- C. Transportation: Ms. Gagel participated in focus groups to discuss new requirements for the Taxicab Voucher program. The sub-committee is working with Levy Center Ombudsman Audrey Thompson on program requirements to be reviewed by the Human Services Committee on February 5th.
- D. Housing: In December the subcommittee met with Joining Forces for Affordable Housing to continue to explore a feasibility study of the need for age-friendly housing that provides a balance of independence and supportive living. The next meeting is scheduled in February 2018.
- E. Civic Participation & Employment: No Report for this Committee.
- F. Communication & Information: No Report for this Committee.
- G. Community & Health Services: Ms. Pierce reported she will meet with 311/Service Desk Manager Sue Pontarelli to discuss staff training needs.

The sub-committee will meet with Adult Services Librarian Lorena Neal to discuss improvements to the Neighborhood Organizations Archive.

The sub-committee is collaborating with the Dementia Initiative to develop a training module for City staff.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Caroline Lickerman provided an overview of the Dementia Committee. The Committee is partnering with Northwestern University to do a research study. They are currently in the process of coordinating focus groups.

The Task Force and the Committee had a discussion about combining the two initiatives. The Task Force agreed to review other models that combine the Dementia Initiative and Age-Friendly Task Force, including the AARP, WHO, and Livable Cities.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

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The Task Force agreed to schedule a meeting following Chair Cherco's meeting with the Mayor. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the same location.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gagel moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Pierce. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Hurley