



**Age Friendly Evanston Task Force
July 24, 2018 – 2:00pm
2100 Ridge Ave., Civic Center**

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

Members Absent: Irene Pierce

Staff Present: Audrey Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair Susan Cherco called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of May 22, 2018

Ms. Canter moved approval of the meeting minutes of March 22, 2018, Ms. Strong seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved (4-0).

3. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Cherco noted that the Dementia Friendly group not only attended the American Society for Aging's roundtable discussion on June 1st but actually presented information on their current efforts specifically as they relate to focus groups in Evanston. Chair Cherco stated that the researcher from Northwestern who is currently working with the Dementia Friendly group lead the discussion on the work being completed in Evanston.

Chair Cherco met with Brad Winick regarding how to move forward with the City of Evanston placing an age friendly lens on all projects. Mr. Winick wrote a book on age friendly planning and this book will be recommended to all City of Evanston staff. While Mr. Winick will not work directly with the City, he is willing to offer support to City staff.

Chair Cherco noted that a letter of support has been sent from the Task Force to the Dementia Friendly group in support of their efforts to move forward with the City of Evanston becoming a Dementia Friendly City.

Chair Cherco commented that the final letter had been sent to the Mayor requesting a one year extension which included what the Task Force intends to complete in this year. The final letter sent to the Mayor will be forwarded to Task Force members.

Chair Cherco also reported that the City was not awarded the AARP grant.

4. STAFF REPORT

In Mr. Hurley's absence, Ms. Thompson gave the staff report which was provided in advance by Mr. Hurley. The report provided additional information that the City was not awarded the AARP Grant for the Mobi Mat. This year the AARP received nearly 1,600 applications for funding. Task Force members were thanked for their input and support for the City's application.

Mayor Hagerty was out of town during the past week, so Mr. Hurley will check in with the Mayor's Assistant, Darlene Francellno, when he returns next week on the status of the letter sent requesting a one year extension for the Age Friendly Evanston Task Force.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Social Participation, Respect & Social Inclusion and Spaces and Buildings: Ms. Canter spoke with Annie Coakley from Downtown Evanston Business District to request additional information that will assist the Business Initiative in moving forward. Ms. Thompson will finalize the invitation, checklists and guide in the coming weeks and send to Mr. Hurley and Mrs. Leonard. The goal is to announce Age Friendly Evanston Businesses during the Aging Well Conference in May of 2019.
- B. Transportation: Chair Gagel reported that the City's Transportation and Parking Committee membership has been reconstituted now to include three alderman and four community members. The committee is in the process of updating purpose and even mentioned older adults in this new purpose. Staff Jill Velan is working with businesses and residents on how parking restrictions affect residents. Ms. Gagel commented that there is still no real way to identify accessible parking spaces. Ms. Thompson suggested that the Committee could get students from a tech class at Evanston Township High School to assist with creating an app that would should accessible parking spaces in Evanston.
- C. Housing: Chair Cherco updated the Task Force on the progress of the parking lot at South Blvd. and Hinman which is being developed into an affordable housing building. She also discussed efforts to have a feasibility study completed that would confirm the Committee's recommendation to have a mixed income housing development (50 affordable, 50 assisted/supportive living and 50 market rate units). This appears to also be the recommendation of developers and operators of said developments. Feasibility study will provide market research to include demographics, competition, environment, etc., from concept to reality. Committee is in the process of requesting funding (\$5000) from the Evanston Community Foundation (ECF) with private funding for the remaining \$2500. The deadline for requesting funds from the ECF is 8/31/18.

D. Civic Participation & Employment: No Report for this Committee.

E. Communication & Information: No Report for this Committee.

F. Community & Health Services: No Report for this Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Cherco recommended that each Committee listed above provide a short write-up about current projects so all Task Force members can speak the same language regarding progress of projects. Chair Cherco stated this write-up should mimic the one provided by the Housing Committee. Chair Cherco will email a sample so that each Committee will know what information should be included. Chair Cherco also stated that the Task Force as a whole should work on talking points that could be offered to community residents on progress of Task Force, including Aldermen.

Ms. Gagel reported that her daughter is working on an intergenerational project which includes Timeslips (working with individuals who are in different stages of dementia and incorporating story telling). Her daughter is interested in doing a workshop with residents of one of the nursing facilities in Evanston. Ms. Gagel feels this will be a great opportunity for residents who are able to participate.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Strong moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Canter. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Thompson