



**Age Friendly Evanston Task Force  
May 22, 2018 – 2:00pm  
2100 Ridge Ave., Civic Center**

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

**Members Absent:** Helen Gagel

**Staff Present:** Jim Hurley

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

Chair Susan Cherco called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of March 27, 2018**

Ms. Strong moved approval of the meeting minutes of March 27, 2018, Ms. Pierce seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved (4-0).

**3. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Cherco promoted the American Society for Aging's roundtable discussion at Rush Hospital on Friday, June 1. The Dementia Friendly Evanston group will be attending.

**4. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Hurley informed the committee that the City applied for an AARP grant to purchase and install a "Mobi Mat" at the Clark Street Beach. The mat is a durable, ADA accessible pathway that will expand accessibility at the beach.

The draft memo to Mayor Haggerty was passed out to the committee. Members were asked to review and make suggestions.

The Implementation Plan will be updated and submitted to committee members for feedback.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Social Participation, Respect & Social Inclusion and Spaces and Buildings:  
Ms. Canter reported subcommittees continue to collaborate to develop the age-friendly business initiative. The initiative is actively recruiting new

members to assist with promoting the program and assessing businesses for age friendliness. The goal is to launch the program by fall 2018.

Ms. Canter will meet a representative from the University of Illinois at Chicago's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible center to discuss innovations and opportunities to expand ADA accessibility in Evanston.

- B. Transportation: No Report for this Committee.
- C. Housing: Chair Cherco stated Joining Forces for Affordable Housing is working with the City's Housing and Homelessness (HH) Commission. The HH Commission will include several new members beginning in June, so Joining Forces is requesting to speak with the Committee about the need for affordable housing and funding for a feasibility study.
- D. Civic Participation & Employment: No Report for this Committee.
- E. Communication & Information: No Report for this Committee.
- F. Community & Health Services: Ms. Pierce and the Committee are continuing to work with the Library to improve the neighborhood organizations archive to better connect residents with services and programs.

The Committee is working with 311 staff to develop a training that can be provided on an ongoing basis. The training is on best practices for local government staff to support the needs of older adults. The long term goal is to require the training for all City departments.

Dementia Friendly Evanston is hosting focus groups to discuss memory loss and dementia needs in the community. The focus groups are open to both people living with these conditions and/or their family care partners.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

The committee continued its discussion on the future of the Task Force beyond its original deadline of December 2018.

The committee will request to extend its deadline to December 2019. All current members have committed to remaining on the Task Force in their capacity.

Ms. Canter made several suggestions and would submit revisions following the meeting.

Members would like to include a description about its support for incorporating an intergenerational perspective into the proposal.

Mr. Hurley will revise and submit an updated draft to members by the end of the week.

#### 7. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 p.m; seconded by Ms. Strong. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Hurley