



**Age Friendly Evanston Task Force  
February 19, 2019 – 2:00pm  
2100 Ridge Ave., Civic Center**

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

**Members Absent:** Irene Pierce

**Staff Present:** Jim Hurley, Management Analyst; Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager

**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 October 23, 2018**

Ms. Canter moved approval of the meeting minutes of October 23, 2018, Ms. Gagel seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved (4-0).

**3. EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION**

Deputy City Manager Ms. Kimberly Richardson attended the meeting on behalf of the Equity and Empowerment Commission. Ms. Richardson provided an overview of the commission and the process to develop an equity framework. The framework is expected to be finalized at the Commission's upcoming meeting, and will be applied to City programs, policies and services. Ms. Richardson is also leading a staff committee to review social services for improvements in service delivery and professional management. The committee will integrate the equity framework to identify disparities and strategies to improve equity outcomes.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Joel Freeman introduced himself on behalf of the Climate Action Resilience Plan (CARP) committee. Mr. Freeman is interested in learning about how climate change will impact vulnerable populations in the community.

Ms. Doraine Price spoke regarding issues of poverty in the community.

**4. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Hurley discussed the merger between Motivate (Divvy) and Lyft. This past fall Divvy completed a pilot program to expand its bike share program in cold weather climates. More information is expected to be available later in 2019.

Residents are encouraged to submit nominations for the Aging Well Award.

Mr. Hurley and Chair Cherco will present to the Equity and Empowerment Commission on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Task force members were encouraged to attend.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Social Participation, Respect & Social Inclusion and Spaces and Buildings: Ms. Canter reported nine residents are volunteering to assess businesses for age friendliness. The subcommittee is currently recruiting businesses to participate. The goal is to complete at least twenty (20) assessments by the Aging Well Conference on May 9, 2019.
- B. Transportation: Ms. Gagel reported that the Transportation Fair at the Levy Center has been rescheduled due to the polar vortex weather to March 7, 2019. The Fair will provide information about the senior benefits cards and transportation options. Ms. Gagel also requested for any issues reported by older adults with the new Park Evanston app. Mr. Hurley will provide an update at the next meeting.
- C. Housing: Chair Cherco announced that the Housing subcommittee was awarded \$2,500 by the City of Evanston for the market rate / affordable housing study for older adults. The total value of the study is \$7,500. The study will be completed by Sawgrass Partners, LLC. The subcommittee will meet with representatives of Sawgrass Partners later during the week.
- 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

Ms. Canter invited task force members to attend a meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 to learn about the proposed development at the library parking lot.

Ms. Gagel informed the task force about a "Time Slips" workshop for residents of dementia care units. The event is on Sunday, February 24, 2019

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Hurley