



## **MEETING MINUTES**

Commission on Aging

Thursday, April 4, 2019 at ~7pm

Perlman Apartments, 1900 Sherman Avenue

**Members Present:** Louise Love, Mary Signatur, Rick Gergerian, Dave Sutor, Litrea Hunter, Mark Payares, and Frank Fennell

**Members Absent:** Catherine O'Brien, Bonnie Lockhart, Jeanie Ramsey, and Tom Giller

**Staff Present:** Audrey Thompson, Regional Ombudsman/Program Manager; Callie Sadler, Ombudsman Assistant

**Guests:** Residents of Perlman Apartments; Officers Ortha Brooks and Corey McCray, Evanston Police Department

**Presiding Member:** Alan Factor, Chair

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### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

With a quorum present, Chair Factor called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of March 7, 2019**

The COA minutes from March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were approved with minor changes.

### **PRESENTATION**

Officers Ortha Brooks and Corey McCray from the Evanston Police Department provided safety tips in the community and how to avoid scams. Additionally, Ms. Thompson provided details on an upcoming informational presentation to be held at Perlman in the near future; residents will be provided with more details when the presentation date/time has been arranged.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### *Long-Term Care Committee (LTCC)*

1. LTCC Chair Love advised attendees that the Committee continues to plan the 2019 Fall Presentation, which will focus on reframing the concept of aging to emphasize positive aspects of aging.

2. The event has been scheduled for Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Levy Senior Center.
3. Because the Committee secured speakers and decided on a topic relatively early, marketing efforts can begin earlier as well.

### **RELEVANT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### *Age-Friendly Evanston: Business Initiative (AFBI)*

1. Ms. Thompson updated attendees on efforts to meet with businesses that completed the AFBI checklist. Of the businesses that have completed their checklists, most have already met with Age-Friendly representatives to consult on their responses. Some businesses are almost ready to be considered age-friendly. However, the Initiative would benefit from additional volunteers to serve as secret shoppers to confirm the age-friendliness of businesses in the process.

#### *Age-Friendly Evanston Task Force: Dementia-Friendly Committee*

1. Chair Factor noted that there was a community forum on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Evanston Public Library, which focused on dementias. The event revealed the need for additional resources and services in Evanston that can provide diagnoses related to memory loss, as well as the need for caregiver supports.

#### *Affordable Housing Committee*

1. Chair Factor mentioned that a preliminary report from the feasibility study regarding housing needs for older adults is expected on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The results are expected to be used to inform decisions regarding development of housing options in the City.

### **CHAIR REPORT**

No Chair Report this month.

### **VICE CHAIR REPORT**

No Vice Chair report this month.

### **STAFF REPORT**

1. LTC Ombudsman Ms. Thompson reminded participants that registration for the Aging Well Conference on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is now open. Those who are interested in attending can learn more about the workshops and register online on the City's website: <https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/departments/parks-recreation-community-services/senior-services/aging-well-conference>.
2. The Aging Well Film Night is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Evanston Public Library. Although no registration is required, space is limited and seating available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion to change the date of the Commission's May meeting to Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> so as not to interfere with preparations for the Aging Well Conference was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Callie Sadler, Ombudsman Assistant