

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING  
OCTOBER 24, 2017-5:30  
WILLIAM COSTICK CENTER  
28600 ELEVEN MILE ROAD  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIRPERSON JEANNE ATKINSON AT 5:35PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: JEANNE ATKINSON, MARY BUCHAN, CARL CHRISTOPH, NANCY COOK, DAN FANTORE, JANE FROST, COLLEEN KASHAWLIC, LINDA LEE, KATHERINE MARSHALL, MARIAN SCHULTE

MEMBERS ABSENT: LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CHUCK COLLINS,

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIASION, JULIE MC COWAN, KARINA WEGLARZ

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by N. Cook  
Support by J. Frost  
Motion carried unanimously-approved as submitted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website

N. Cook has added new members' names to website.  
Farmington Area Commission on Aging resource book is on line.

Education Committee

April program, "What to Do With the Second Half of Your Life" given by Chuck Gaidica, is scheduled for April 10 at 10 am. Cost will be \$5.00 and include lunch.

City Council Reports:

Community for a Lifetime:

J. Frost continued a presentation on the Community for a Lifetime designation. She distributed a printed handout which outlined what communities have done to merit this award. She invited all members to consider joining this sub-committee.

Resource Directory

This subcommittee is open. The work of this sub-committee was discussed.

Volunteer Recognition Reception:

M. Koet and C. Christoph announced the name for a new award: Community Commitment Award which will be presented to a community based organization or business which goes above and beyond to serve the older adults of Farmington and Farmington Hills. The new award will be announced in a press release.

Nomination forms for Gold, Diamond and the new Community Commitment Award will be available January 1, 2018.

Senior Division Liaison Report

The Community Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Wednesday, November 8 from 4pm until 7 pm at the Costick Center. Members of the COA are urged to attend.

Information from AAAIB regarding an unexpected surge in demand for services was distributed.

Old Business:

Newly appointed members were introduced: Dan Fantore, Colleen Kashawlic, Linda Lee and Katherine Marshall. Each new member shared some background information and areas of interest.

N. Cook has arranged for Kevin Christensen, Director of Economic Development for the City of Farmington, to speak with the group at the January 23, 2018 meeting. He will discuss the city's plans for developing the Maxfield and former court house properties.

C. Christoph will join members working on the updating of by-laws.

New Business:

N. Cook attended a C.A.R.E.S. picnic and a tour of the newly renovated property on Schiawasee (formerly St. Al's). She shared information on present and future programs for the site.

Ambassador Reports:

Parks and Rec: C. Christoph reported that the Archery Range has been very popular.

Harrison High project is still being researched.

J. Frost explained the position of Ambassador Reports and invited COA members to consider attending meetings of other commissions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Julie McCowan is an elder law attorney. She discussed her interest in elder abuse and financial exploitation of older adults.

Karina Weglarz is a public health geriatric social worker and has expertise in many areas of interest for the COA.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:40. Next meeting is November 28, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary