

Report to Commission on Elder Affairs  
Senior Center Committee Meeting-March 8, 2016

Present: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair, Chris Evans, Ursula Hanus, Lauren St. Pierre, Suki Lapin, and Amy Waters.

Excused Absence: Tom Cullinane, Gail Schuyler, Patty Hainsworth

Theresa called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Once Ursula arrived to make the quorum, the minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup> were approved. The next meeting was confirmed for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and Amy noted that the Volunteer Recognition program is the same day at 6 pm if any Commission members wished to stay and attend.

Finances: Amy reported on the following: A preliminary FY'17 budget meeting was held with the Budget Director who is currently planning for level funding; Amy and Mattie Castiel presented the need for two more positions should FY'17 funds be available, including Transportation Coordinator and Vietnamese Elder Program Assistant; The FY'16 state COA funding arrived this month and the letter the Commission approved was sent to state legislators about the importance of COA funding for FY'17; Amy discussed grant application collaborations underway with Elder Services and Family Health Center; The committee reviewed the draft form to be sent to subcontracted programs to complete for their self-evaluations; the status of pending leases and potential development were reviewed; Amy reported that the African American Elder Program Coordinator will be resigning as of June 30, 2016 and the committee advised that a hiring process begin in July once the allocation amount has been established.

Operations: Amy reported that Patty is working on getting the landscaper in place and that we continue to strengthen security. Suki reported on programs including Aging Well, Volunteer Recognition, Interfaith Seder, Fitness Challenges, Hearing Screenings, the Sheriff's symposium, and the new Bereavement Group. Lauren reported on the upcoming health care presentation to be made by Congressman McGovern. The Committee discussed sponsorship ideas for programs as well as new possibilities to expand transportation services.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.