

Report to Commission on Elder Affairs
Senior Center Committee Meeting 4/12/16

Present: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair; Tom Culinane; Gail Schuyler; Chris Evans;
Ursula Hanus; Lauren St. Pierre; Amy Waters.

Theresa called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The minutes of 3/8/16 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday May 10th at 4 p.m. It was noted that a forum on protective services will be held at the Senior Center that day from 1-3 p.m. As Lauren's internship is ending, she was thanked for her contributions.

Finances: The FY'17 budget process was discussed. It was noted that we need to begin planning now although the level of city and state funding won't be certain until June, at which time the Committee will present their recommendations to the Commission for program allocations. Amy noted that funding for grounds maintenance has been pieced together through Friends, Elder Affairs and Energy and Asset Management. She reported that planning has begun for large capital expenditures including an emergency generator and replacement of the HVAC, and once these have been priced, it is expected that other capital items will be addressed such as the clinic move. The Committee asked about the status of the parking lot and Amy told them that the City law department is continuing to negotiate and hope to make the purchase and move forward on the renovation by the summer. She also noted that the Title III renewal application for the osteoporosis prevention program will be submitted to CMAA by May 2nd.

The following program evaluations were reviewed: Elder Home Maintenance; PEERS/New Americans; St. Paul's Elder Outreach; African American Elder Group; Computer Lab; and Latino Elder Program. Amy reported that Work Opportunities did not submit an evaluation as they have not been able to conduct the Senior Work Search program this fiscal year. The committee will discuss FY'17 funding scenarios in May to prepare for making elder service program allocation recommendations in June. Amy reported that leases and development are status quo.

Operations: Amy reported that we lost one part-time senior aide receptionist which puts a strain on Jenny who is covering the desk. The committee reviewed Patty's written report including: the securing of the 26 wing, the preparations for the generator, the food warmer purchase, the postponement of Earthday until April 28th due to the weather, and that 38 police recruits cleaned up the grounds during their recent visit. The report also covered the successful healthy living symposium, the upcoming volunteer recognition luncheon, the memory café, evidence based programs as well as the upcoming Veteran's event.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. (m/s/a) Theresa, Tom, Gail and Amy attended the Volunteer Recognition event at City Hall that evening. n.b. Elizabeth Nguyen of the Commission also attended the event.

