

Dunedin Committee on Aging

June 24, 2019

Minutes

Attending: Members: Sandi Sunter, Sharon Williams, Michael Whalen, Tom Anderson, Lorraine Thrush, Peg Cummings. City: Elaine Swinehart. Excused members: Karla Lindeen, Maureen Raulerson. Unexcused: Lori Smith, Lea Richmond. Guests: David Lamoka and Ted from Neighborly Care Network, Bonnie Hough from AAA/PP.

May minutes were approved with no changes by motion.

Sandi announced that Vice Chair Dawn Dollnig resigned from the committee due to her new work conflicting with meeting times.

AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities Transportation Task Force

Sandi announced that the Transportation Expo previous discussed at DCoA meetings is now scheduled for Wed. August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. The Committee needs all members to assist with promoting this event and helping make area residents aware of the opportunity to learn more about transportation options for anyone who may be “transportation challenged” for any reason. Target audience is seniors, elderly, or disabled unable to drive and/or their children/caregivers helping them find options, as well as people who do not have a car or do not want to always drive themselves. Sandi, Sharon, Maureen and Peg along with City staff Elaine, Greg Rice and Francis Sharp are securing the potential vendors and Elaine is managing that process. The promotional flyer will be emailed to all committee members asap, hoping within a couple of weeks.

Flyer distribution goals: To all mobile home park communities, over 55 communities and some church’s. AAA/PP help line, senior care facilities, Title 13 counselor, Community Centers, Pinellas County Library audio book delivery, meals on wheels recipients (many whom are homebound). The flyer will provide the Neighborly Care Network tel number to call to arrange for a ride to the Expo. That number is 727-571-4384. We ask that area facilities that have a van for transporting their residents plan to bring them to the Expo on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, even if their van transport normally only takes residents to specific stores for shopping and Dr. appointments as this will help them learn about other transportation options for other needs, such as entertainment, etc. Also, if all members could email the flyer to 10 people they know and ask those people to forward to 10 people they know then “word of mouth” via email will help participation.

Bonnie Hough will have a table for AAA/PP to help direct attendees to various vendors and provide info and will get info to Elaine that AAA/PP has on County-wide transport options.

David Lomaka, NCN, announced that Palm Lake Village will start having lunch meals M-F soon. NCN network needs more volunteers for this and for meals on wheels delivery. A new Adult Day Care facility managed by NCN will open soon with 25-30 current people now receiving services elsewhere at a location near downtown Palm Harbor.

#### Age Wave Report – Michael Whalen

Michael brought a recent report from AARP on climate change and hurricane/flooding describing that their impact on seniors and older people is more pronounced. This report will be forwarded to Jennifer Bramley to ask her to share with the City's disaster preparedness groups.

PR Report – Sharon Williams will prepare an article for the Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> Beacon on Transportation Expo. Peg Cummings volunteered to help with DCoA PR.

#### Membership – Tom Anderson

There are now 2 openings, 1 alternate and 1 regular member. Tom has 10 applications from the City and needs to check with 5 of them. They are all older applications. It is imperative that new members have a willingness to actively participate on the committee and fill officer positions next year. He mentioned that Fall Prevention month is September and he is preparing to request a proclamation for Fall Prevention.

#### New Business –

Sandi announced that the annual planning meeting will be August 26<sup>th</sup> and will secure a location for the meeting. Sandi will be absent at the next regular meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sharon and Peg volunteered to co-chair the meeting in her absence. Nominations for the next fiscal year's officers will be made at the July meeting and voted on at the August Planning meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:20 AM

Minutes submitted by  
Sharon Williams for Karla Lindeen, Secretary