

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**  
December 8, 2011  
Minutes

Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:06 pm in room 333 City Hall.  
Committee has quorum with 13 of its 22 members present.

**Present**

Rita Deyo, Elana Gravitz, Jeanne Hanson, Fay Harrison, Marci Holley Bartlett, Marilyn Holm, Thomas Leavey, Joanna Lees, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Roland Minda, Herb Nelson, Ray Olson, Dorothy Robinson, Patrick Rowan

**MDHFS Staff**

Ruth Kildow, Becky McIntosh, Kim Stringfellow

**NCR Staff**

Ahmed Muhumud, Billie Imhoede, Cheyenne Erickson

**Absent**

Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Dr. Lawrence Kerzner

**Excused Absence**

Lisa Abicht-Swensen, James Adams, Frank Broderick, Terry Diebold, Jean Greener

**Minutes and Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the November 10, 2011 minutes and December 8, 2011 agenda. With no discussion, these items were seconded and approved by all. Motion carries.

**Old/New Business**

City Budget – Patrick Rowan

At the November 8, 2011 meeting members voted to send a letter of support on behalf of SCAC to Mayor Rybak and City Council in support of continued funding for the Senior Ombudsman Office. Herb Nelson and Patrick Rowan spoke at the city budget public hearing held on November 30.

Senior Ombudsman Office/2012 Budget – Becky McIntosh and Ahmed Muhumud

The committee was given an accounting of the difficult planning and department actions taken to meet the 2012 budget cuts to Health and Family Support, and the directives from city council. The Senior Ombudsman position and the funding of the position will transfer to Neighborhood and Community Relations. NCR plans to restructure this position to include direct service and planning. While the city is looking at duplication of services and how to use staff resources more effectively and efficiently, NCR recognized the work and experience Ruth has provided to the Minneapolis residents and requested to retain Ruth in their employ for several months into 2012 while this position is being defined. Effective January 2012, the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will be staffed by NCR, Ahmed Muhumud, Ida Bros and Cheyenne Erickson. The City wants to keep seniors connected to services, whether through City, 311, or through community agencies. Health and Family Support will continue to be a resource, including offer of some research expertise.

**Committee Reports**

No reports were received at this meeting.

**Announcements**

- Elana Gravitz' office will move to another location in 2012, and is unsure of how this may impact her ability to participate on this committee.
- The UCare Skyway Senior Center will have their Annual Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 22 from 12:00-2:30 pm.
- There will be a "Fraud Fighting" information session held at the Wilder Center Auditorium on Tuesday, December 13 from 1:00-3:00 pm. RSVP at 877-926-8300.
- One Minneapolis One Read will hold another focus session on Saturday, December 10, located on Plymouth and Russell Avenue, 2:30-3:30 pm. There will also be a conference in February 2012. Cheyenne Erickson will provide additional information.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 pm.

**Next Meeting**

January 12, 2012, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Kim Stringfellow.