

City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
February 9, 2012
Minutes

Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:05 pm in room 333 City Hall.
Committee has quorum with 17 of its 22 members present.

Present

Fay Harrison, Marci Holley Bartlett, Marilyn Holm, Thomas Leavey, Joanna Lees, Roland Minda, Herb Nelson, Ray Olson, Dorothy Robinson, Terry Diebold, James Adams, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Herbert Nelson, Allen Brookins-Brown, Lawrence Kerzner, Jean Greener, Elana Gravitz

NCR Staff

Ruth Kildow, Ida Bros, Howard Blin

Absent

Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Rita Deyo, Lisa Abicht-Swensen

Excused Absence

Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert has an excuse absence January 12, 2012

Minutes and Agenda

Motion was made to approve the January 12, 2012 minutes and February 9, 2012 agenda. With no discussion, these items were seconded and approved by all. Motion carries.

Old/New Business

Chair, Patrick Rowan discussed with the committee about getting more engaged within the City strategic planning process and they are putting together a small group of people to work on this.

Guests

Dr. Lawrence Kerzner M.D, Hennepin County Medical Center spoke to the committee about Tai Chi and postural stability in patients. Tai Chi training appears to reduce balance impairments in patients. Dr. Lawrence Kerzner provided a handout.

Council Member Cam Gordon, Ward 2, spoke about a couple of senior programs being cut and during strategic planning have a larger discussion about how to keep seniors in their home. Council Member Cam Gordon provided a summary budget report. Also, Council Member Gordon and the committee talked about 2012 redistricting process.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Jean Greener

- The state budget had a slight surplus; the state will use the surplus for other obligations. Because this is a bonding year funds will not be available for seniors.
- There will be an upcoming announcement regarding the 2012 redistricting in Minneapolis, please be aware of your area, and make sure they haven't change. Jean will bring more information about this in March.
- The committee had a conversation about what are the benefits for seniors to have a free voter identification card (ID). The committee also discussed funding consideration for the Home and Community-based Services (HCS).

Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

- Ruth talked about writing an article about Community Gardens; it is a good opportunity for seniors to have a garden. Ruth and the committee talked about seniors being safe in some pedestrian area.

Announcements

- The Minnesota Gerontological Society (MGS) conference will be held April 27, 2012, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center; some of the themes are community re-design, environmental service re-design, quality of life, long term care, finances and support through policy and programming.
- Meals on Wheels funding had a budget cut of 1.5 %.
- The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee has two vacancies Ward 1 and Ward 9.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Next Meeting

March 8, 2012, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Ida Bros