

City of Minneapolis
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

January 12, 2012

Minutes

Marci Holley-Bartlett opened the meeting at 1:00 pm in room 333 City Hall. Committee has quorum with 11 of its 22 members present.

Present

Fay Harrison, Marci Holley Bartlett, Marilyn Holm, Thomas Leavey, Joanna Lees, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Roland Minda, Herb Nelson, Ray Olson, Dorothy Robinson, Terry Diebold, James Adams.

NCR Staff

Ahmed Muhumud, Ruth Kildow, Cheyenne Erickson

Absent

Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Dr. Lawrence Kerzner, Lisa Abicht-Swensen, Jean Greener

Excused Absence

Patrick Rowan

Minutes and Agenda

Motion was made to approve the December 8, 2011 minutes and January 12, 2011 agenda. With no discussion, these items were seconded and approved by all. Motion carries.

Old/New Business

Thomas T. Feeney Manor, Open House - Marci Holley-Bartlett

On Thursday, January 19th from 3:30-6:30pm there will be a networking open house at the newly built Thomas T. Feeney Manor. The manor is a first-of-its-kind senior public housing community for low income seniors opening in the heritage park area of Minneapolis under the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. The facility includes a YMCA, Courage Center, walking courses and full medical clinic. This is the first public housing community to offer such services. RSVP by January 16th for the open house.

Update Senior Ombudsman Position – Ahmed Muhumud and Ruth Kildow

After the 1st of the year Ruth has moved into the NCR Department but still remains in the same office in the Public Service Center. Ruth is still a City employee and still receives benefits. Ruth will be involved in the process of scoping out the new position and may apply. Ruth will still be attending this committees meetings as well as the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.

Guests

Council Member Diane Hofstede, Ward 3

Last spring Council Member Hofstede, Council Member Reich and Kevin Knutson had come together to discuss aging in place to discuss the importance of the making the senior population an integral part of the work that is done in the City. Council Member Hofstede would like to partner with the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee to have a conversation about the work that has been done and also to get input. Would like the Committee's blessing to move forward and hold a joint meeting with the Public Health Committee. The committee also discussed the impacts of LGA cuts, the impacts of the cuts to the security at the High-rises of the Public Housing Authority, parking meters and city vehicles that have been seen left running with the Council Member.

Action: The committee would like to participate in these discussions and hold a joint meeting that includes the Public Health Committee. Other participants to invite are living at home nurse block program, Mansour Sharable, a representative from the Urban League.

Committee Reports

No reports were received at this meeting.

Announcements

- Billy Binder of the Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to come and give an update to the committee at the February meeting.
- Sabathani Community Center is offering free health screenings.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next Meeting

February 9, 2012, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Cheyenne Erickson