

Commission Meeting

February 17, 2016

Minutes

In attendance: Suzanne Hansche, Tamara Maher, Bob Baskette, Mary Westfall, Ray Johnson, Elaine Friesen-Strang, Dolores Hubert, Steve Weiss

Absent: Bobbi Yambasu

Guests: Rebecca Miller, CJ McKensie, Lisha Shrestha, Kristine Canham, Sharia Heston, Kate Cavanaugh

Call to Order/Introductions

JoAnn introduced Lisha Shrestha, Elders in Action's new Civic Involvement Coordinator. Lisha is a native of Nepal with extensive education and experience in conflict resolution and community engagement in Portland's immigrant and refugee communities. Lisha's professional background includes case management and facilitation at IRCO and commission coordination for the New Portlander program in Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

ADVS Report – Rebecca Miller

- ADVS is gathering comments on Advisory Committee functions and will report back in March.
- April 20 at from 2 to 4 pm EIA will host a collaborative meeting to begin the Area Plan input sessions. 800 NE Oregon- 6th floor
- A short Commission meeting will be held April 20 from 12 to 1:15 at that same location.
- Age Friendly survey of County staff was discussed – comments welcome
- May is Older American Act month. There will be a County resolution on May 5.
- ADVS testified at a hearing on Fatality Review Board bill (now dead)
- Lewin Group report comments have been issued by O4AD.

Age Friendly Action Plan

- Health Services Committee has created three work groups (Training, Dementia-friendly services, and prevention)
- Civic Involvement combining with Aging Well conference – no date set yet
- Housing re-forming
- Transportation – hasn't met lately

- Econ Development – changing meeting times

Committee Updates

Transportation: February 23 presentation on Gas Tax (1:30 pm at EIA Office)

Legislative: Motion to approve advocating for SB 1514 (Charitable Pharmacy) this session and HB 4013 (Elder Fatality Review) in future sessions passed unanimously.

Budget: Tamara reported on a tour that the BAC did IRCO's meal site. She felt the experience was enlightening and energizing and she encouraged the commission to begin doing similar tours. She noted that real life impact on people's lives is important and interesting.

Anti-Poverty Work Group: Meeting held previous week. Jose Ibarra reported on his work with the Interfaith Initiative and the Promise Neighborhoods.

Housing: Currently has no commission chairing. Steve W recommended it be folded into the Anti-Poverty work group. Steve and Mary agreed to speak with Susan Madar about this idea.

Other Business

Bob Baskette noted that there was a talk at Marylhurst on the Future Direction of Senior Centers sponsored by Oregon Gerontological Association on Friday February 19 at 3pm.

Tamara noted that Ride Connection funding for transportation is almost gone for the year and many people on waiting lists.