

COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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Committee members:

Present: Liliana Saneaux, Chair; Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair; Norma de Candido Public Member

Absent: Jason Tejada

Board members: Shahabadeen Ally, CB12 Chair; Maria Luna

Guests: Fern Hertzberg, ARC XVI; Jim McNiff; Rosalind Torres, RAIN Senior Center

Meeting called to order by Chair, Liliana Saneaux after motion made and seconded to do so. Welcome extended to all and introductions made.

Liliana: collaboration needed among all committee members to build committee

Shah: need to figure out how to build up enrollment - opposed to task force - need to find best solution

Mary: important to try to figure out how to recruit Board members to committee so the work can get done more effectively

Maria: brief history of committee presented - need to focus on what is needed for seniors in the community

Shah: new Board members will be appointed in March

Liliana: 10 AM meetings got a lot of outside people, but not Board members

Fern: agenda & publicizing important – consider day meeting at senior centers then bring info back to committee meetings

Maria: lot of senior and disabled issues – polling sites moved because of ADA inaccessibility – absentee ballots caused decreased count of voters at polling sites – may need resolution from committee regarding this

Shah: work of committee is agenda driven need to seize how we can promote the issues such as affordable, fresh food

Maria: seniors are being harassed by systems and landlords – senior scams/fraud issues are more prevalent

Shah: consider forum with Public Safety and Parks Committees to address issues – would like to see collaboration with other committees

Liliana: need to discuss HHA system and how they abuse people

Fern: needs to be addressed at under level – biggest senior issues are homecare and housing

Jim: talked about health insurance issues, children helping seniors, senior computer education

Rosalind: senior issues with Post Office, probably at processing station – checks & money orders are stolen, envelope opened, payee whited out and rewritten, and then check / money order cashed, then seniors being charged late fee – Post Office and Police have been informed

Fern: Congressman needs to be involved

Spine Hospital: at Allen Hospital – 3 spine surgeons hired from Midwest attracting patients from all over the world

Liliana: consider continuing evening meeting for 6 months

Motion made and seconded to continue Monday 6:30 PM meetings of committee and then evaluate – Voting: Committee – 2-1-0; Public – 3-0-0

Motion made and seconded to visit senior centers in day time starting in April – Voting: Committee: 2-0-1; Public:3-0-0

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair