

## **Commission On Aging**

**June 16, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.**

**PEAK, 155 W. Lewis Ave., Platteville, WI**

Present: Debara Browning, Bill Cramer, Jill Goffinet, Josephine Kischer, Kathy Kopp, Larry McReynolds, Ellen Stellpflug

Absent: Ray Banfi, Joyce Bos

Guest: Tami Enz, “Main Street” – Director

- I. Meeting is called to order at 9:33 a.m.
- II. Motion to approve Minutes of May 21, by Bill Cramer, second Debara Browning, all in favor, Minutes approved.
- III. Reports: PEAK - Jon Meidinger  
People are enthusiastic about being back at the Center. The month of July will be “Open House” month with programs and many activities. The City has purchased the O.E. Grey building from the School District. There should be no danger of displacement of the Senior Center.  
Kathy Kopp: The City Council approved purchase of the building for \$1.00. On July 1<sup>st</sup> the building will be City property. The tenants’ leases will be extended for at least 1 year and open to a longer term. The Senior Center is high priority at the Council and it is agreed that this building is not going to be the Fire Station.  
The Chamber will have “Good Morning Platteville” on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. here at the Center with a presentation on the new Fire Station. It is open to the public and it would be advantageous if many people who frequent the Senior Center were present at that meeting.  
Bill wants to know why we have to pay rent to the City. Kathy asks if taxpayer Dollars are used for the rent payments; the answer is no, PASS has taken on that responsibility. She asked Jon for a statement of the history of rent payments. Jon says he is very optimistic about the future of the Senior/Community Center.  
On June 23<sup>rd</sup> a determination will be made about the meal site openings. We expect to have the Van very soon and have an ad out for a driver.

Jon asks Ellen to explain to Tami Enz the problems with accessibility at downtown stores and buildings. Tami has had discussions with AARP and expects that something can be done to address this. She would like input from COA when discussions about possible improvements start. Ellen explains that the DMV is a very difficult place to get into as the building is not ADA compliant. Debara suggests that Main Street consider publishing a map or newsletter showing where the handicapped accessible businesses are on Main Street. She asks why there is no bus stop on Main Street by Garvey's at Bonson Street, which would also make it close to City Hall. She invites Tami to attend a meeting with COA and the Transportation Committee which will take place in September, date to be announced. Kathy will ask the hospital to have a representative present. We will have a list of questions and suggestions ready for that meeting. Kathy suggests we send a reminder of that meeting to our city contact, Howard Crawfoot, in July so he will be aware of that date. Debara asks if it is advisable to have two Transportation Committees, one of Students and one of Seniors. Kathy suggests that the Transportation Committee should be encouraged to add a bus stop at City Hall for Music in the Park on Thursdays. Tami asks how the food voucher program is working and Jill says it is working very well and vouchers have been distributed to Senior living facilities. We could use 5 more vouchers. ADRC vouchers are income based and will be given out between 10:30 and 11:30 on June 23<sup>rd</sup> by appointment only.

Jill says Lisa Banfield from the Shopping News will feature the Senior Center the end of June.

PASS: Bill reminds us of the Brat Sale on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Heiser's Parking Lot.

- IV. Remember 'Good Morning Platteville' on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m.
- V. Next meeting will be on July 21 at 9:30 a.m.
- VI. Motion to adjourn Josephine, second Debara, meeting adjourns at 10:40

Submitted by Josephine Kischer, Secretary