

**MEETING MINUTES
 FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
 TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015
 GREEK ISLES RESTAURANT
 FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF CLUB AND DRIVING RANGE
 37777 ELEVEN MILE COURT
 FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Jeanne Atkinson at 5:33

MEMBERS PRESENT: : Marsha Koet Senior Div. Liaison, Mary Buchan, Carl Christoph, Nancy Cook, Jane Frost, Kevin Hammer, Josephine Hobson, Maureen McCarthy, Marian Schulte, Winson Wang, April Yerge, Norene Yuskowatz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Collins, Richard Corey

GUESTS:	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	6-30-2015	Approved: Hobson Seconded: Cook To approve the agenda as published Motion carried: unanimously
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	5-26-2016	Approved: Cook Seconded: Hobson To approve the minutes as published Motion carried: unanimously Amended 9/22/15 to include Representative Chris Greig's response to questions from the COA May 2015 meeting.
3	AGENDA ITEM: COMMUNICATIONS, PROMOTIONS/WEBSITE	Wang feels that website has been leveraged this year but wants to make it more accessible with less words and more imagery.	
4	AGENDA ITEM: CFL	Frost stated that this sub-committee has worked closely with "What Do Residents Over 50 Want and Need?" group. Yerge presented material relevant to the Orchard Lake/Ten Mile project. She is working on a pocket park for the area. Yerge and Cook are joining CFL for 2015-2016 year.	
5	AGENDA ITEM: WHAT DO RESIDENTS OVER 50 WANT AND NEED?	Hobson reported that the current initiative is to obtain a grant to utilize and expand survey data. Abstract was submitted and COA does qualify for grant. Some discussion on results of all surveys: how can results benefit the Costick Center, will members have access to results and where will results be stored? Koet stated that any work of this sub-committee should reflect growth of senior population in Farmington area. Discussion	

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		of senior housing and possibility of senior millage. Contact with director of economic development will be explored. Mc Carthy will join this committee. Summer meeting will be scheduled.	
6	AGENDA ITEM: PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING	This committee will be dropped due to inactivity.	
7	AGENDA ITEM: RESOURCE DIRECTORY	Hammer reported that group will begin working in the fall for new directory. Koet encouraged continuation of having directory on website.	
8	AGENDA ITEM: VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION RECEPTION	2015 event was successful. Theme for 2016 will be Hollywood. Christoph thanked Costick Center staff for their help with this event.	
9	AGENDA ITEM: CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	Christoph addressed the Farmington Hills City Council on June 22. He is scheduled to speak with the Farmington City Council on July 20 at 7:30.	
10	AGENDA ITEM: SENIOR DIVISION LIASION REPORT	No report due to time restrictions.	
11	OLD BUSINESS	Slate of officers was elected: Chair: Winson Wang Co-chair: Jane Frost Secretary: Maureen McCarthy	Motion: Christoph Seconded: Atkinson and Hammer To elect slate of officers Motion carried: unanimously
12	NEW BUSINESS	Representative Christine Greig responded to COA questions. Wang will send copies to members. Koet will supply id badges to members in September. Sub-committee Consumer Protection was re established. Atkinson, Buchan and Schulte will be members. Yuskowatz is moving to South Lyon and resigning from the COA. Thank you for your service, Norene. Frost urged continuation of pre-meeting among newly elected officers, would like more meeting time to examine projects fully.	
12	Ambassador Reports	No report due to time restrictions.	

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12	ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned 6:25
13	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Mary Buchan, Secretary	Next meeting September 22, 2015 at Costick Center

E-Mail from Representative Christine Greig with responses to discussion and questions raised during May COA meeting.

Dear members of the Commission on Aging,

Thank you for hosting me at your May meeting. I wanted to follow up with you regarding some specific questions that were asked.

With regard to tax revenues, they steadily increased from \$18.5 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 to \$20.8 billion in FY 2013 and dropped very slightly to \$20.5 billion in FY 2014. The projections for FY 2015 have them up again to \$21.4 billion.

With regard to heavy trucks crossing state lines, in general, heavier Michigan trucks are allowed to use other states' roads if they purchase a special permit. They don't necessarily get to use all the roads in that state, but Michigan has agreements with other states to let heavy trucks access important areas such as the Port of Toledo in Ohio or the steel mills in Gary, Indiana.

The Medicaid Waiver and Meals on Wheels both received a funding boost in FY 2014. Care for seniors was one of my top priorities during this year's budget debates and I would have liked to see funding for both these programs expanded once again. However, funding for both programs was held at current levels in this year's budget.

Michigan's Tourism Industry is flourishing thanks to the most freshwater coastline in the United States, the 5th best craft beer industry in the country, and the nation's number 1 ranked state park system according to the National Recreation and Park Association. Michigan is a drive-to, as opposed to a drive-through, destination. The recession hit the tourism industry particularly hard, costing Michigan about 60,000 jobs. But thanks to improvements in the states economy and great programs like Pure Michigan, employment in the tourism industry is back to pre-recession levels and continues to grow. However, the Republican's roads plan that recently passed the House cuts funding to Pure Michigan, something I think we can't afford to do with the industry in the middle of a growth spurt.

Thank you for all you do to support our seniors. If I can be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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