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**Regular Meeting of the
Concord
Commission on Aging**

Wednesday,
February 16, 2022

1:30 p.m. - Open Session

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OPEN SESSION

1. **OPENING** Chair Melvin Lee called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Melvin Lee (Chair); David Afinowicz; Lez Casazza; Marilyn Fowler; John Haberkorn; Paula Johnstone; Tujuk Kurniadi; Fuad Omran

Commissioners excused: Ben Hornstein (Vice Chair)

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

This is a 15-minute Public Comment Period for items within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction that are not on this agenda. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes. State law prohibits the Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the Public Comment Period. Please see "How to Submit Public Comments" above.

No public comments were submitted.

3. **AGENDA ITEMS**

The public is entitled to address the Commission on items appearing on the agenda before or during the Commission's consideration of the item. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes. Please see "How to Submit Public Comments" above.

- a. Approval Annotated Agenda from 1/19/2022

On a motion made by John Haberkorn and seconded by Marilyn Fowler, the annotated agenda was approved with the corrections to be made to that agenda and posted to the website.

- b. 2022 Work Plan

- Community Survey – review sample survey questions provided and provide direction to the subcommittee

David Afinowicz agreed to chair a subcommittee of Commissioners to review the survey question suggestions submitted. After a fulsome discussion, it was decided to have the subcommittee work up a draft to be reviewed at the March meeting. Dave and the subcommittee will work with Kathryn Monroy in developing that draft with the desire to keep it simple and capture information that can help inform the Commission's work plan for the coming year.

- City Liaison Groups discussion

Currently there are a number of senior groups/clubs in the community that do not have a liaison on the Commission. Melvin Lee asked the Commissioners to review the list and determine if there is a group that someone would like to take responsibility for.

- COA Brochure – review current and provide direction to staff

Kathryn Monroy asked Commissioners to review the brochure which was distributed prior to the meeting and to get back to her with any suggested edits – language, photos, color scheme, etc.

c. Updated Health Orders – discussion

Kathryn Monroy stated that although, as of today (February 16, 2022), the State has lifted the indoor mask mandate, the Senior Center will continue to require masks due to the COVID test facility on site, the AARP tax help desk and the fact that the Center draws a population that is more likely to become seriously ill if infected with COVID. She will reassess the situation in April and make any changes that are appropriate.

d. ARPA Funds discussion, Marilyn Fowler

Marilyn Fowler stated that through the NextDoor online community, she had been in contact with City Councilman Edi Birsan. Edi is inviting the citizens of Concord to weigh in on how the City might spend the \$19 million in funds it expects to receive from the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds would come as a one-time payment and should not be considered for funding a new program unless future sources of funding are identified.

The discussion that followed highlighted the Commissioners' desire to see parks upgraded to have better pathways, better lighting and more benches on which to rest during walks. In addition, there was a desire to see sidewalks in areas where there are none and repairs to sidewalks that have fallen into disrepair. Better lighting at intersections/crosswalks was also noted as an unmet need.

e. Area Agency on Aging Representative Report, John Haberkorn

John Haberkorn reported that the Area Agency on Aging anticipates receiving \$3.8 million in ARPA funds and is seeking input on how to spend its portion of the money.

John suggested that the Commission might have a speaker from that agency give a presentation to the Commissioners via Zoom on ways to access funds that the Area Agency currently stewards. That presentation could be recorded and posted online so that the public could learn about funds available to them.

f. Senior Center 20th Anniversary, May 2023 – discuss ways to recognize the occasion and provide direction on the next steps

Kathryn Monroy discussed the need for planning to begin for the celebration of the Center's 20th anniversary. She solicited help/input from the Commissioners.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- [Opinion | Older Americans Fight to Make America Better - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
- Save the Date: Friday, September 9, 2022 – Health Expo

Kathryn Monroy stated that the September 9th date has been selected for this year's Health Expo. Melvin Lee and Marilyn Fowler agreed to work with Senior Center staff to begin the planning process.

- Melvin Lee stated that COVID testing is ongoing at the Senior Center. Appointments are advised although it may be possible to accommodate those without appointments during less busy times.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** Chair Melvin Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting
Date: March 16, 2022 1:30 p.m.

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