

**City of Marshfield Committee on Aging
Upham Village
Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the Committee on Aging was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Mike Feirer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Becky Huebner-Leu, Jean Doty, Marvin Spletter, Gerri Steinwagner

EXCUSED: Amy Krogman, Kelly Cassidy and Patty Ruder

OTHERS: Judy Carlson, Connie Jacobson, Jennifer Cummings, Alderperson Tom Buttke and a dozen Upham Village residents/citizens

MINUTES: Motion made by Spletter and seconded by Huebner-Leu to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2012. Motion carried.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: The Library/Community Center Project was discussed at length with excellent participation from residents/citizens present. Comments and responses of committee members included:

- ◆ Comment: ample parking should be in the plans with increased number of handicapped spots provided. Response: there will be approx. 12-15 handicapped parking spots.
- ◆ Comment: there should be a canopy covering the entrance of the new Center to protect people from the elements when getting dropped off and picked up. Response: the current entrance of the Library will most likely be the entrance to the new Community Center and would accommodate bus drop-off and pick-up.
- ◆ Comment: why not build a parking ramp? Response: it costs approx. \$10,000.00 per stall to build. This would probably be cost prohibitive.
- ◆ The new Community Center would be housed in the current library and would be scheduled for other organizations/groups in addition to senior activities. How activities are scheduled will determine who uses it. Reservations for the current Sr. Center are handled by Parks & Recreation office.
- ◆ Seniors are encouraged to attend “planning” meetings for the Library/Community Center. There are three committees that meet, including the Fundraising, Marketing and Planning committees. Meeting times are posted at the Sr. Center.

- ◆ The current center is not well-insulated and costs a great deal to maintain.
- ◆ There may be a paid coordinator at the new Community Center.
- ◆ Comment: will this be a referendum issue? Response: it's possible. An observation was made that in the past usually only issues that become referendums are proposed by those opposed to the project.
- ◆ Comment: planners are asked to take technology into consideration; e.g., Kindles, NOOKs, etc. Response: go to the library and find out the number of books being checked out annually. It may surprise you.
- ◆ The purpose of the new Community Center is to attract people of all ages with varied interests and the "younger seniors."
- ◆ There is discussion that the Aging and Disability Resource Center for Central Wisconsin may relocate its offices to the new Community Center from its current location on South Peach Avenue. This will provide seniors with the opportunity to get all their answers answered with this "one-stop shopping" resource and participate in senior activities and visit the library all in one trip (to read the newspaper, check out a book, have computer access, etc.).
- ◆ It was recommended to have "automatic doors" at the new Center and NO STEPS. At the Sr. Center there is only one handicapped accessible ramp and it is not off the parking lot, rather it is off the Maple Street sidewalk. (NOTE: The City has not created ramps due to once they start doing this type of renovation, the State could step in and dictate other types of ADA requirements. This would be cost prohibitive at this point due to plans of the Library/Community project being discussed for the past several years.)
- ◆ Parking is a huge issue and will certainly be included in future planning.

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UPDATE: Jennifer Cummings reported that a new Caregiver Coordinator, Erin Johnson, has been hired and will start February 6th. Family Care caps may be lifted soon, but she hasn't heard how this will be implemented. Her office will be working with UW-Madison's residency program to educate a recently hired social worker to train medical students about needs in the community and the services ADRC provides.

Connie Jacobson reported four new family care providers have been added to the rural route which will add monies needed to maintain a full-time driver on staff. End-of-the-year reports are being worked on and will be due soon. Connie has coordinated the DAV

van that takes vets to various clinics as a volunteer, but resigned this position recently due to concerns with the Marathon Co. DAV. A new coordinator from Stratford will be working out of her home beginning March 1 to provide scheduling services. Vets should not see any changes other than a change in the contact phone number.

Free transportation continues to be provided to Senior Housing facilities to go shopping at Pick & Save and Festival Foods (these two stores pay the \$1.50 fee it cost to transport residents each way). Additionally, transportation is available to take those eligible to other appointments by calling one day in advance with a fee of \$1.50 each way between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The busses are lift-equipped. Call the ADRC to schedule transportation. It was noted that seniors could get a card from the Mayor's office in order to get reduced fees for cab services.

2012 SENIOR HEALTH FAIR: The 2012 fair is scheduled for Friday, October 5 and will be held at the Fair Grounds. Parking near the building(s) and bus transportation from local senior housing facilities will be provided. Flu shots, educational classes, health tips, lunch and various vendors who provide senior services will be available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: A 55-cup coffee maker is needed at the Senior Center. Feirer will check out the availability and cost of either a 55-cup and/or a 100-cup coffee maker at Sam's and report back to Huebner-Leu. Huebner-Leu and Doty will coordinate purchasing the coffee maker.

February is "Heart Month" and all are encouraged to wear red on Friday, February 3.

Residents/Citizens were encouraged to call their Alderpersons with regard to issues/concerns especially with regard to questions about the proposed Library/Community Center. Persons may call the Mayor's office if they don't know which Alderperson represents them.

Reminder that voter I.D.s will be required for future elections. Free Wisconsin I.D.'s are available at the driver's license office Mondays and Wednesdays. Call to see what type of verification is needed to obtain the I.D and hours the office is open.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held at the Wildwood Regency Apartments, 1624 S. Roddis Ave. on Thursday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. made by Spletter and seconded by Steinwagner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Doty
(for Amy Krogman who was excused)