

## **Beaverton Committee on Aging**

### Summary of Monthly Meeting

Tuesday April 11, 2017

**Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Sky Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

**Guests:** Laurel Reilly (liaison to the Elsie Stuhr Center) Ray Bowman (community member) Joshua Groesz (ED The Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center) Hilary Greenebaum (community member) Elaine Hartman (community member)

**Approval of the March Minutes:** Approved

**Visitor Comment Period:** No Comments

**City Council Update:** Mark Fagin: Joint meeting with the planning commission tonight to revisit the comprehensive plan for the city. The plan has been rewritten to be more reader friendly. The committee also received update on the building adjacent to City Hall with mixed use, retail and housing.

**Guest Speaker:** Joshua Groesz, Executive Director for The Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center. They provide both transitional and permanent housing, 70 beds for transitional and 10 beds in permanent housing. 48 beds are part of a per diem contract, a joint effort with the VA and the Salvation Army. Three case managers help Veterans find employment and permanent housing. Invitation is open for tours of the building. Some upcoming fundraisers include the All About Kids Dinner. Mr. Groesz shared his compelling personal story of how he came to join the Salvation Army and his history with the war in Iraq. The center is very successful in transitioning Vets to permanent housing, 75% are able to be placed in permanent housing. The center staff is interested in developing a new fundraiser and looking for community support.

**New Member Review:** Still reviewing the new candidates for the open position. A decision will be made in the coming weeks.

**Event with BCOA and Viva Village:** May 6th, 1-3pm at Valley Catholic off of 148th and Murray. The three different villages will be hosting along with the BCOA. BCOA will help with print flyers and posters for the event. Sky and Jo will put together a list of the potential targets for the event. Looking for 100-200 participants.

**Future ideas for next forum:** Possible event focusing on hearing impairment and/or addressing the physical deficits that come with aging. Potentially hold a "Sneaker Ball" for the community.

**Staff Liaison Report:** The mid-year filling of the vacancy with the committee may take a bit more time than the usual process.

**Attendance:** Sky Johnson, Shannon Wiseman, Cathy Doyle, Beverly Sali, Jeff Menzel, Jessica Brzuskiwicz, Louis Weisberg, Jo Anne Baumann, Pam Rinehart

**City Staff Liaison:** Jim Brooks

**City Council Member** Mark Fagin

**Not in Attendance:** Suzanne Van Slyke

**Adjourn:** 3:50pm

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