

**COA minutes October 27, 2016 2:00 p.m.**

**COA members present:**, Pat Jordan, Mary Williford, Karen McCormack, Janice Colbert, Ginger Carson, Bobby O'Neill, Marsha Stone, Dorothy Gagnon, Adele Stevens, Rachel Lively, Marsha Staples-Love.

**Absent COA members:** Tom Goodwin, Mary Parrott.

**Staff present:** Kathy Dunn, Winfield Hall, MaryAnn Socquet.

**Chair statement:** this meeting is being recorded if anyone else if recording the meeting, please notify the chair now. No other recordings announced.

Marsha Staples-Love was introduced as a new member of the Board.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from AGO closing the OML complaint by Julie Margolis.

Thank you letter from Holyoke Soldiers' Home to the Seniority Dance Co.

**September 22, 2016 Minutes** vote to accept will be revisited at the November Meeting as the Board did not have enough time to review them, due to late mail delivery.

**Public Comment:** none

**Building Project update:** Jerry Moore, Chair of the New Senior Center Committee, presented an Artist's rendering of the outside and layout of the inside of the new Center. It will be just a little over 10,000 square feet. He also went into detail regarding the room use and how the building will be set up to work as a senior center as well as a community center, planning well into the future. Plans include keeping the Community Gardens, and razing the Davis St School, those two projects will not be part of the appropriation. The proposed time line;

early Spring the demolition of the Davis St School and to break ground for the new Center, next Summer to early Fall. Anyone wishing to see the Artist's rendering may do so at the present senior center.

**Executive Committee report** by Mary Williford: Sept 15, 2016

Executive Committee minutes accepted as presented with amendment that Tom Goodwin's name removed from excused absence since he isn't on the Executive Committee.

Discussions: Recording the COA meetings is good back-up for minutes, it does not impede our group process. Use of the word "Senior" in the name of the new Center. There is no news on a possible petition that may be started in favor of the word senior.

**Old Business:** Use "Senior" in the name of the new Center. No discussion. The chair stated that the COA is waiting.

**Staff Reports:** Activity Director and Volunteer Coordinator. See attached reports.

**New Business:** CDBG – **Motion** made by Janice Colbert, seconded by Ginger Carson to "Apply for the next round of CDBG funding to continue project currently called 'Food for seniors'", unanimous.

**Motion** to adjourn at 2:57pm made by Janice Colbert seconded by Pat Jordan. Unanimous.

Recorder: MaryAnn Socquet

Next COA meeting, November 17, 2016 (due to Thanksgiving).