



Clark County Commission on Aging
1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor
Vancouver, Washington

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Correa, Chuck Frayer, Bob Holdridge, Marjorie Ledell, Lisa Rasmussen, Bill Ritchie, Karin Woll

Absent: Patti Gray, Scott Perlman

Staff: Colete Anderson, Jacqui Kamp, Mary Beth O'Donnell

Welcome and Call to Order

- Bill Ritchie called the meeting to order. The agenda was unanimously approved. Motion to approve minutes from April 21 as submitted was unanimously approved.
- Bill has been working with others to create a new website for Clark County that will provide citizens 55+ information about services, events, education, etc. all on one site.
- Communications: Marjorie to attend a Housing committee meeting. Along with Chuck, they will be working on year-long agenda with topics to bring forward to the commission. Currently reviewing speaker's bureau kits for any changes that may be necessary; working with staff on appreciation certificate for retiring members.
- Treasurer: John reported \$1889.33 in bank account. \$1000 in account was donated by Gary Beagle and designated for Timebanking. Commission members voted unanimously to allow a check to be cut to Human Services Council, who will be managing the program. There are some outstanding expenses that can get paid with this money.

Presentation: hOurIMPACT by Karin Woll and Colete Anderson

- Karin acknowledged Colete and Jacqui for all their time and effort spent creating this program. Also, Bob Cone from the work group, Nolan Hoshino, designer and creative director of High Five Media; Sherrie Dickerson, VHA; Colleen Kuhn, Director of Human Services Council; and Kathy McLaughlin, who originated the project and got it off the ground while still a member of the CoA. Also instrumental in the development were Jeanne Kojis, Judy Ware, and Gary Beagle.
- The Aging Readiness Task Force spent a great deal of time to research what would be needed in the community in the future, to address the increase of the aging population.
- Portland-Metro area ranked #2 in the nation for volunteerism. Found out people wanted flexibility in volunteering, not be on a fixed schedule. Also wanted options other than

schools, hospitals, and institutions. Provide choices of things people need to have done, but can't or don't want to pay for. Timebanking can provide these options.

- The timebanking concept is not new. There are over 700 in the USA and more all over the world. The software program being used is provided by hOurWorld Timebanking, the oldest in the country. It's excellent, easy to use, and free.
- Timebanking is a service exchange system where you contribute a skill or talent to your community and in return, enlist a skill from your neighbor to help with a project of your own. Thereby saving money, meeting people and strengthening social ties in the community. Rather than exchanging cash, the currency exchanged is time. All hours are equal, no sliding scale depending on skill.
- Beta test area has been established to start with until full launch in January 2016. Seven neighborhoods west of I-5 are included; however anyone is welcome to join. At this time, we will be fund raising, writing grants this Fall, and looking for sponsors and donations. The program fully funded until January 2016.
- Sign up is available on the website www.hourimpact.org Follow instructions for enrollment. During the beta period, the enrollment fee is \$25 plus 12 time credits can be added to your account. It is open to individuals and businesses and kids will be added at a later date. A national background check will be done by a contracted 3rd party, renewable on annual basis.
- Check the many social media sites available to stay in touch – hOurIMPACT website, Facebook, Google+, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube.
- Cannot “buy” hours – must be a participant. Time only is exchanged. However, one can donate hours to someone else.
- Comment by Marilyn Tyrrell: Why is test area restricted to Vancouver only? What about other cities, like Camas or Washougal. Can't you choose others to participate in the test area?
 - In the beginning we asked where do we want to start? Part of the model is the neighborhood concept. In order to do the testing, we wanted the economy of a lot of people in a small, concentrated area. Everyone can still join, regardless of the test area. Marilyn was invited to become an ambassador for her area and help get the word out to people there.
 - There is a “meet and greet” on June 3, 6:30 pm at Latte Da. All are encouraged to attend and learn more about the program and spread the word throughout the community.
- Communication between the two parties exchanging service is important. Make arrangements ahead of time to have proper tools, clarify scope of work, and who will provide equipment, etc. to save time once on the job.

New Business

- Lisa Rasmussen's term on the commission will end this month. Bill presented her with a certificate of appreciation and a thank you from all members and staff.

Public Comment

- Can you have a “tiny house” in your backyard in Clark County like you can in Portland?

- ADU's are allowed inside the city of Vancouver, but not in unincorporated Clark County.
- Bob said the commission should make a point to recognize accomplishments of people in the community. One example he noted is in Washougal. In 1977, an affordable housing project of 144 units was built using Federal grant money. Years later, when the complex fell into disrepair, a new buyer negotiated additional Federal grants to rebuild and redesign the building. This allowed the rental rates to be half of what they would have been without the grant. Bob suggested recognizing that organization. Marjorie is working on certificates of appreciation. Karin added that we have a relationship there already as she and Chuck have worked with them.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Chuck's housing committee should make a recommendation of how recognition should be handled, such as a plaque or certificate, and get it done.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

The Clark County Commission on Aging provides leadership and creates community engagement in addressing the needs and opportunities of aging.