

**CITY OF DECATUR**  
**LIFELONG COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**

**November 27, 2023 MEETING**

**Decatur City Hall**  
**Decatur Development Authority Meeting Room**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**509 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Sandra Bailey, Jo Giraudo, Tim Hatton, GG Howard, Marti Keller, Susan Messing, Dan Wirth

Members Absent: Stephanie Roach

City Staff: Angela Threadgill, Julie Smith

**1. Call to Order.**

The Lifelong Community Advisory Board (LCAB) met on November 27th, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Ms. Messing.

General Announcements. Ms. Messing announced that this would be the last meeting for Jo Giraudo and Dan Wirth. Committee members and CoD staff thanked them for their service.

Ms. Threadgill introduced Julie Smith, the new Lifelong Community Manager and new staff liaison to the Advisory Board. Ms. Smith will reach out to Board members and provide her contact information.

**2. Unfinished Business.**

On a motion by Ms. Howard, seconded by Mr. Wirth, the minutes of the October 23, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

**3. Age-Friendly Action Plan.**

- The Board reviewed an updated action plan noting that Domain #2, Goal 3, Domain #3, Goal 3, Domain #4, Goal 1, and Domain #5, Goal 3 are complete.
- Work on Domain #1, Goal 1 is underway. The Board is providing fifty free commemorative blankets to seniors attending the bicentennial celebration fireworks on December 9, 2023. Ms. Messing, Rev. Keller, and Ms. Bailey will volunteer to hand out blankets. Julie Smith will send calendar invitations to the volunteers.
- Rev. Keller suggested adding a Task to Domain 7, Goal 1, to use each Board meeting as an opportunity to prepare an article for the Decatur Focus beginning at the January meeting. The February Decatur Focus has plans for an article on elder abuse.

#### **4. Coordination with Decatur Fire Department.**

Captain Gary Menard, Community Wellness and Prevention Initiatives, Decatur Fire Department shared information on the Fire Department's work with seniors and needs the LCAB can assist with.

- Related to Domain #8, Goal 2, Captain Menard agreed to participate in distributing Smart 911 cards at a spring CoD event.
- Captain Menard and GG Howard can collaborate to explore the possibility of having Emory nursing/medical students provide health screenings at a Spring event.
- The Fire Department would welcome help from the LCAB to find a no-cost speaker to provide dementia training to the firefighters. Ms. Smith will connect Ms. Roach with Captain Denard for a referral to the previous LCAB dementia trainer.
- The Fire Department would also like to create a list of seniors who live alone and consent to be contacted by the fire department for emergency preparedness wellness checks. Board members discussed ways to assist, including contacting A Season of Giving recipients.

#### **5. Other Business.**

The Board voted to cancel the December meeting due to the Christmas holiday. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

#### **6. Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.