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Council on Aging Board Meeting
Milano Center
January 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES
Board Members in Attendance
John Capuano, Kristin Thorp, Margaret Ivins, David Kourtz, Ellen Cobau

Other Attendees
COA Director Erica Brown, Milano Center James Conforti
Maura Sullivan

Called to order at 8:10 am by John Capuano President.

Minutes of the December 21, 2023 Board meeting **– in meeting packet**
Recommended for approval by John Capuano
Approved unanimously by all present

Executive Directors Report
Milano Center:
Erica reviewed the roof progress. There has been more leaking. Work may begin. Not good communication with public works.
Hamilton Hall Lecture Series – registration has begun. Listing in packet.
Winter Celebration review. Expense report in packet.

Council on Aging:
Transportation for 2024 – reviewed changes to shopping shuttles, ride windows and medical destinations.
UMB Needs Assessment final report expected in March. Will get preview in late February.
Pavillion – Foundation Trust – working on a schedule for grand opening.
City is working on exemptions for people working two jobs, or working one job and also doing tax write-off volunteering.

Friends of Milano Center – No report

Old Business –
Strategic plan – John reviewed where we are and how we got here. Will continue work after Needs Assessment report.
Discussed Board members present and future

Maura Sullivan will be put forward by new mayor in January/February 2024 – February John will be off. Try to do Nancy Messina's return at the same time. Still need one more board member.

Will need to vote at February meeting for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

New Business –
Dave discussed that the MWRA presentation attendance included more men by proportion, which was welcome.
One attendee at the MWRA presentation might also make a good board member. Erica will contact her.

Next meeting will be held at Milano Center 201 West Foster St 2nd Floor Conference Room at 8 am on Thursday February 15, 2024.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 am –Suggested by John Capuano, approved unanimously
Submitted by Kristin Thorp