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October 9, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON SENIOR SERVICES

The Committee on Senior Services met on October 9, 2007, with Chairman William White, presiding and Committee Member Alderman Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Thomas Taylor, Cindy Hickey from the Council on Aging and several residents from Faulkner Tower.

The committee met at the Faulkner Tower Senior residence to afford residents an opportunity to discuss matters of concern with the committee members. Ms. Hickey spoke about a new evening exercise program being held at the Holland Street Senior Center and discussed the new audio newsletter for blind seniors. Ms. Hickey also made the residents aware of the Are-You-OK program that was developed by the Council on Aging to check on the well being of seniors.

Residents raised concerns regarding 911 response times, broken street lights, Green Cab drivers' refusal to allow guide dogs into their cabs, the discontinuance of the Arts and Crafts program for seniors and asked for an update on the status of a Highland Avenue property where suspected drug activity is taking place. Alderman Taylor informed the residents that the Police Department is investigating this situation.

Alderman Taylor's motion **that that the Director of Traffic and Parking check the audible traffic signals at the corners of Highland Avenue and Walnut Street and Highland Avenue and Medford Street** was approved.

Alderman Taylor's motion **that that the Director of Public Works check the street lights in the immediate vicinity of Faulkner Tower for proper operation** was approved.

Alderman Sullivan's motion **that the city's ADA Coordinator inform cab drivers operating in the city of the legal obligations regarding guide dogs** was approved.

Alderman White's motion **that the Administration include funding for the Senior Arts and Crafts program in the next fiscal budget** was approved.

No papers were acted on.

Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman

Committee on Senior Services

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