

# **Agenda Senior Services | Aging in Place Task Force Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
Leo Mahany / Harold Meininger Senior Community Center**

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Sarah Kindinger.

## **2. Roll Call**

Present: Rebecca Cheezum, Richard Schmitt, Sue Wells, Sharlan Douglas, Paul Webb

Absent: no one

Also Present: Erin Koch and Susan Barkman

## **3. Approval of January 4, 2022 Minutes**

Motion: To approve minutes of January 4, 2022

Motion by: Sharlan Douglas

Second: Paul Webb

Passed unanimously.

## **4. Approval of February 7, 2022 Agenda**

Motion: To approve agenda for February 7, 2022.

Motion by: Rebecca Cheezum

Second: Paul Webb

Passed unanimously.

## **5. Old Business**

### **a. Updates from working groups**

**Health and community services updates:** Good discussions, data covered, follow up on housing and connected to transportation, interested in learning about Henry Fords offerings for wrap around, Erin regarding ROSES and SMART bus contract, create vision statements, Boston model, focus on vulnerable/isolated seniors, address costs of EMS ride, needs identified emergency notification services, revamp to have them used by seniors, various methods need to be

**Housing:** Housing was a slow start and very vocal, aging in place concerns, age friendly, what can we do for the population as they struggled to keep group on topic, Joseph Murphy was full of information, talked about home rehab program- CBDG offers the assistance, list of certified workers vetted by the city soon to be available, 10 people in the group, vision statement finalized, goals still need to be created, Goals next to be set, data summary was helpful to guide groups focus, used Boston model as guide as well.

**Outdoor Spaces:** Outdoor spaces likes to meet in person, had to reschedule due to snowstorm for last meeting, vision worked on, staff and residents helpful, perspectives shared, presentations, accessibility presentations, parking concerns, suggest strong presenters.

**Communication and Information** Communications- high functioning patrons, meet Wednesday, if anyone doesn't call back- use commissioner Douglas to get calls back, digital media who gets it

and who struggles, way less paper is the coming of generations, romi.gov isn't always accessible for all types of seniors.

**Transportation:** Transportation, vision statement finalized, subject matter finalized, questions gathered to help, AAA, ROCSC, parking meters, driving recertification specialists, Jan. 23 next meeting, Paul willing to attend meeting of other domains to share what his domain has cooking.

**Community Engagement and Inclusion:** Group hyper focused on comparisons of their cities, parking was issues, John Fedele and Erin Koch as special guests to invite, very chatty, easily off focus, not data analytics, employment fell off the radar, inclusion, volunteer opportunities, solution focused, excited group, limit them to one hour and a half, not talking about ages- "go-goes, slow-goes and no-goes." Next meeting is Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

**b. Domain Meeting Tips**

Working Group notices – Susan works to get the groups up quickly when they are shared and can start sending out notices when the meetings are all posted for the week.

Potential Speakers that could be recorded: Suggestion to record these key experts in their fields AAA-1, ROSES, ROSC programing, so that all domains can view then submit questions after watching

Send to Susan Barkman, "We envision..." statements clearly stating Final

**6. New Business**

**a. 2022-2023 Budget** – Susan Barkman will submit FY 22/23 for funds, Boston module was very appealing and desirable, \$6,000 from an expert on creating the final design of all discoveries, we can save money on taking own pictures of seniors or events and edit our own submissions. Sharlan- we give our best draft, present to staff and residents and get feedback, make edits and then submit to, Sarah confident the taskforce can make a polished report.

City Master plan 18-20 months once they gather each departments requirement.

**b. AARP Livable Communities Grants**

Susan- we have the option to apply to as many as we desire, but they must be submitted in a linear order. Pro tip, read and write application for one then we can ask Julie LB to look it over since grant writing is an aspect of her role at City.

Suggestion by Richard – during heavy snow falls, the road plows push back the snow and slush back into sidewalks, he suggests a small vehicle as wide as sidewalk to plow sidewalks for passage.

Suggestion by Erin- Already submitted CIP proposal for consideration of new front doors at the Senior Center to city commission. Estimated to be \$40,000 - \$50,000 for ADA doors.

Susan- In parking garage the doors to the elevator are not push-button ADA accessible. Deck of cards that promote resources within the ROCS, board games Royal Oak based and host a game night at ROSC for intergenerational to play a game with commissioners. Game night with pizza, snacks and nonalcoholic beverages.

Sharlan- Sidewalk machine snow machine is not well suited to application for grant money. The push button for doors is not ideal either. Game night with food and drinks is good idea. The ROSC doors will qualify for matching AARP grant funding. Once in the pipeline, offsetting or

matching the AARP grants to this needed improvement is aligned with the Age Friendly Benefits to greater mobility for anyone who visits the center.

**7. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**8. Next Meeting: March 7, 2022**

**9. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Rebecca Cheezum

Second: Paul Webb

Passed unanimously.