

Minutes

**Senior Services | Aging in Place Task Force Meeting
Outdoor Spaces and Buildings Working Group**

April 6, 2022 at 4:30 PM

**Leo Mahany / Harold Meininger Senior Community Center
3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073**

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

2. Roll call

Present: Stephen Johnson, John Fedele, and Russel Wright. Sarah Kindinger chaired the meeting on behalf of Sue Wells. Also present, Susan Barkman.

3. Minutes from February 23, 2022

No corrections were made from the group.

4. Recap and Discuss Presentations

5. Discuss we are and we heard statements

Susan will help draft we heard and we are statement for the group for the next meeting.

The group began some brainstorming.

- We are implementing an asset management system.
- We will use Cartograph and TextMyGov will help report issues in parks real time.
- We will utilize resident focus groups with seniors to help better understand how they navigate the city.
- We will study signal timing for crossings for seniors and residents with disabilities. AARP Walk Audit.
- We will continue to improve outdoor spaces to accessibility needs.
- We will complete a walking path and bench study for parks with longer walking paths and usage and type of park.
- We will look at opportunities to install benches in downtown, and shopping areas.
- We will create dedicated walking routes that are visually interesting, include safety and accessibility features.
- We will work across the city for walking safety (driver aggression, traffic calming, accessibility) vision zero efforts. Detaching sidewalks, when possible, speed enforcement.
- We will work toward bike boulevards to separate traffic from bike traffic.
- New buildings are wonderful for accessibility.
- The sidewalks are pretty good.
- Working toward updating sidewalk ramp ADA compliance.
- Library needs skybridge from parking garage to library.
- ADA spaces are needed in the parking garage, and ADA buttons on the other floors.
- Royal Oak website is not easy to find the agendas.
- We will use Insight to help know more about what is going on in the parks.
- Communicate accessible routes, wayfinding for buildings.
- TextMyGov campaign as it rolls out.
- We will look for opportunities to go above and beyond on accessibility standards.
- Can we ask commercial and multifamily establishments to clear sidewalks?

6. Additional meeting dates – May 18th and June 1st.
The group thought these additional dates would work if they were needed.
7. Next meeting: April 27, 2022
8. Adjournment
The group wrapped up at 5:55pm.

