

Minutes

Senior Services | Aging in Place Task Force Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Sarah Kindinger.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Jacky Hudson

Others Present: Susan Barkman, and Erin Koch

3. Approval of April 4, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve the April 4, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Sue Wells

Second: Paul Webb

Unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for May 2, 2022.

Motion: Paul Webb

Second: Sharlan Douglas

Unanimously approved.

5. Old Business

a. Updates from working groups

Outdoor Spaces/ Sue Wells – The residents not been attending recent meetings and not sharing the information. We can bring recommendations forward but they might be more limited. In general this group was not the most commented on group.

Housing/ Richard Schmitt – Need to get some assistance for snow removal, and ROSES programs to help with outreach and coordinating efforts to get volunteers. Potential for volunteers to help out with outdoor activities. City needs to track and inventory blighted properties.

Health and Community Services/ Rebecca Cheezum – Added exercise and eating recently came up, so YMCA and Gleaners are coming in to talk as well. Silver sneakers isn't being offered in the area. Maybe 1-2 more meetings. Activities in different parks. Caregiver isolation was discussed to see if there are opportunities to bring different volunteers together.

Transportation/Paul Webb - List of recommendations and action items are done. Address

parking concerns and partnering with AARP or another service for car fit to help adjust cars for different levels of flexibility. Looked at options to help address biking, car share, and other transportation services.

Community Engagement and Inclusion/ Sarah Kindinger – Sandy Irwin has been helping the group track things. Looking for inclusive programming and neighborhood block parties. Human library to help seniors share their stories. Looking at creating something like the human right commission to see if they can help address programming for DEI efforts with seniors. They are interested in hearing from the information and communication.

Information and Communication/ Sharlan Douglas – They are done until they hear from the other groups. They have shared their goals.

6. New Business

a. Working Groups Check In Meeting

Most of the working groups have expressed an interest in hearing from each other, to ensure that we have covered everything. The groups are primarily looking for any topic areas that they thought another group would cover but they did not. Susan will look for dates likely in late June in order to host the event in person. Each group would have some time to go through potentially answer any questions. This will likely be a 2+ hour meeting.

b. Erin's Fundraising Idea

Host a fundraising event at the senior center and invite members of the community, local officials and business owners to have dinner, silent auction, games and prizes at the senior center. The goal is to educate people about the challenges of seniors, highlight resources, and what additional resources are needed to support our growing senior population.

The group discussed different options, potentially for a more casual event that would bring in a lot of different types of residents and potential sponsors. This is something to think about for the future.

6. Public Comment

Janice Wagman, volunteers available some paid and some just hours given, intergenerational activities, school programs in Huntington Woods have student regularly work with seniors, County Committee on Aging is ad hoc, August 21, Senior Day

7. Next Meeting: June 6, 2022

8. Adjournment

Masks are highly recommended in city buildings.

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