Seattle and King County Age Friendly Task Force

**MINUTES | August 18, 2017**

Seattle Municipal Tower | Room 4050 | 9:00–11:00 a.m.

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| **Topic** |
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| **Introductions / Check-in*** Task force welcomed. (sign-in sheet attached)
* **Check in question:** Which of the age-friendly domains best represents your professional or personal interests?
1. **Social Participation** (4)
2. **Civic Participation & Employment** (1)
3. **Housing** (4)
4. **Transportation** (2)
5. **Respect & Social Inclusion** (4)
6. **Communication & Information** (2)
7. **Community Support & Health Services** (10)
8. **Outdoor Spaces & Buildings** (3)
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| **Announcements / Info Share / Upcoming Events*** KC Mobility Events:
1. September 8, 2017—[Community Transportation Field Trip Series](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/snoqualmie-valley-transportation-field-trip-tickets-36560332940?aff=es2). First of four events.
2. October 25, 2017—[Volunteer Drivers Summit](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteer-driver-summit-tickets-36165341510) at Kent Commons.
* September 29, 2017—Sound Generations 50th Anniversary Gala at the Hyatt. Invitation will be distribution via the listserv.
* M Boundless—Looking for volunteers to interview/survey that are caring for parents or if disabled, challenges they are facing. This will help inform the development of an app on mobility/ accessibility. Mark Hartenstein will provide contact information.
* September 14–15, 2017—[Elder Friendly Futures Conference](http://depts.washington.edu/eff/)—Early bird discount extended to 8/25/17.
* [Phinney Neighborhood Association](http://www.phinneycenter.org/village/)
	1. September 17, 2017—Book club begins. Will focus on breaking white silence by reading What Does It Mean to Be White by Robin DeAngelo. In need of group facilitators. Anyone interested contact Cecily Kaplan.
	2. September 28, 2017—PNA Fundraiser Breakfast
	3. October 14, 2017 at 9:30a.m.—Home Sharing forum. Speakers will share about different home sharing programs.
* October 10, 2017—Seattle for All Ages Mayoral Debate sponsored by AARP with [KOMO studios](https://www.bing.com/maps/default.aspx?rtp=adr.~pos.47.6191520690918_-122.348937988281_140+4th+Ave+N%2c+Seattle%2c+WA+98109_KOMO+Plaza_(206)+404-8000) at Fischer Plaza. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and debate begins at 7:00–8:00 p.m. and will be aired live on-line. The task force is invited. Seating is limited to 100 seats. On October 13 it will be televised on KOMO from 9-10p.m.
* September 8, 2017—ADS Advisory Council will sponsor a [Housing Forum at the Issaquah Senior Center](http://www.agingkingcounty.org/calendar/?ill_calendar_event_id=2678) from 1– 2:15p.m. There will be four guest speakers including the King County assessor John Wilson. Additional activities later in the day include music and an art walk. The information gathered will inform the annual housing plan.
* October 8, 2017—[Fabulous Aging Conference](http://fabulousaging.org/) at the Tukwila Community Center.

*\*If you have an event you would like us to share via the Listserv, please email the details to* Maria.Langlais@seattle.gov  |
| **Project Updates*** AF action plan draft will be available after Labor Day.
* [Pedestrian Potluck](http://www.seattle.gov/agefriendly/events)—September 20, 2017 from 11am–1pm at Jefferson Park, Shelter #3. Open to all ages, especially interested in having those 50+ and encouraging them to get involved with walking. Vision Zero will set up an obstacle course for people to walk through, SDOT will have their interns on-site to share their side walk assessments process.
* [Women’s Equity Forum—Engaging Aging](http://www.seattle.gov/agefriendly/events) is on November 6 beginning with a resource fair at 3p.m. The forum will be from 4-8p.m. Both Mayoral candidates will be invited to speak at the forum.
* Out of 100 [Innovation Fund](http://humaninterests.seattle.gov/2017/08/08/1584/) applicants 22 have been selected to try out a new idea. As part of the Age Friendly resolution a portion of the Innovation Fund dollars were reserved to support healthy aging. The goal to see how these small and nimble awards impact lives in an innovative way and what we can learn from them.

[**Civil Technology Hackathon—A City for All**](http://www.seattle.gov/agefriendly/events)**, September 22–24, 2017**A hackathon is a social opportunity for techies to get together, focus on a theme/purpose and create something innovative that meets a need. Currently there 59 attendees registered and promotion for the event will start soon with the hope of doubling the attendees by the event date. The first day, Friday, will consist of lightening talks which lays the foundation of the subject matter. There will be various data sets made available for programmers to review including:**Housing:** Home Repair / Weatherization program by zip code to determine how equitable the funds are being dispersed. **Libraries:** Social participation by patrons **Human Services** The event will wrap up on Sunday with presentations of the final products. A panel of judges will award those based on Best Hack (Tableau), Best Accessibility (Microsoft) and Best Open Data (Socrata). They are hoping to provide a monetary award to the primary winner so that the product deliverable can completed.Answers to follow up questions:- Mentors don’t need to be there the entire time.- Ideas do not need to be provided in advance of the hackathon.- Email Candace if you want to volunteer, don’t need to register on-line.- To register go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-city-for-all-tickets-36417003237?aff=es2) |
| **SDOT Urban Design Team**Susan McLaughlin from SDOT, shared the Street Design Toolkit. The toolkit highlights the problems and opportunities relative to topography (e.g. hill climbs, lighting). 1. **Pedestrian lighting**—a 70-year-old requires 3x the amount of lighting than a 20-year-old. As lighting changed to LED, they found street lighting does not project a large enough radius to light pedestrian corridors.
2. **Signal timing**—is based on the average human pace. It doesn’t take age into consideration. Two-thirds of older adults cannot cross the street within the average human pace timing.
3. **Transit amenities** such as benches and wayfinding will help older adults get out into the community more.
4. **Public Toilets.** Both young and old need them. Challenges include placement, maintenance, and safety concerns.
5. **Bench Program**. In 2018 SDOT will do a bench pilot under One City Center. The first draft will be completed by the end of this year. Will use it for age friendly walking corridor assessments.

Comments:1. Will there be more money for prioritizing additional sidewalk assessments? The pedestrian master plan is a policy document. Will prioritize areas such as sidewalks needing attention that are closer to schools. SDOT is developing the 5-year implementation investment plan. The draft is targeted to be completed in September 2017 and in December it will go to the Council.
2. What do age friendly corridors mean? Can neighborhoods use the toolkit? Age friendly has not yet been defined, and the toolkit is a step toward doing that. Anyone can use the toolkit—the public, other departments, etc.
3. Not having public toilets prevent people from going out and cultivates social isolation. The Portland Loo has a public toilet plan and Seattle will be adopting it and installing two public toilets in Ballard and University. One will be on the Parks property and the other on SDOT property. Each department will be responsible for the maintenance of each location.
4. Would like to know the source of the population data chart. (pulled from Comprehensive Plan)
5. AARP offered to connect SDOT with their volunteer walkers to assist with audits when they happen. Will be adding Vision Zero to the toolkit.
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| **AARP Seattle Survey**Amanda Frame provided a comprehensive summary of the AARP survey. Handouts were distributed and links will be shared with the listserv. Please send Irene your ideas on how to best use this information in the action plan. Follow up comments:1. Raise awareness/communicate all the great programs that are available to the community to help them age in place. In addition, people need assistance accessing this information and help with things such as application forms. Note:  [Community Living Connections](http://www.communitylivingconnections.org/) is a resource for the latter.
2. Opportunity to infuse age friendly into the Block Watch programs and other programs that connect neighbors with each other.
3. Need for deeper dive in survey / crosstabs (e.g. social isolation)
4. Balance human interaction with technology, e.g., quick access to information. Maintain (restore) civility, respectful—all ages.
5. Opportunity for millennials to connect with older people. Break down misconceptions and engage community.
6. North Haven is piloting a program modeled from Amsterdam that will have two college students living in the same building with older adults.
7. Intergenerational Programs – Ideas that introduce people to new communities – guide walker volunteers, help older adults socialize by having millennials accompany them to various venues/events.
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| **Next Meeting:** Friday, September 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4050 |