Seattle and King County Age Friendly Task Force

**MINUTES | September 12, 2017**

Seattle Municipal Tower | Room 4050 | 2:00–4:00 p.m.

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| **Topic** |
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| **Introductions / Check-in**   * Task force welcomed. (sign-in sheet attached) * **Check in question:** What is the one thing you enjoy doing now that you hope to do for the rest of your life in Seattle?   + Continue learning   + Continue being an older adult advocate   + Maintain vision   + Active participant in granddaughter’s life   + Visit museums (mobility)   + Sailing   + Dance (mobility)+   + Reading   + Be in the outdoors (hiking, walking, running)++   + Mobility of any kind   + Have a positive outlook   + Part of public health policy making   + Down-hill skiing, riding bike+   + Singing / Music - making noise   + Swimming / being active   + Continue exploring   + Using public transportation   + Working out   + Explore urban environment / walking   + Kayaking   Over all summary: We all want to be active, enjoying beauty, and advocacy |
| **Updates and announcements from task force members**   * [**Civil Technology Hackathon—A City for All**](http://www.seattle.gov/agefriendly/events): Event planning is on target with 146 RSVPs. Registration is closed as of 9/19/17. Finalizing logistics. $10,000 grant has been awarded by AARP. Grant will be given to Sound Generations to be dispersed during awards on Sunday. * [PNA](https://www.phinneycenter.org/village/) **Home Sharing Forum:**  Oct. 14 - 9:30-11am * **PNA Book Club:** [Breaking White Silence](https://www.phinneycenter.org/calendar/breaking-white-silence-facilitator-meeting/) starting on September 14 from 2-4pm * [**PNA Annual Fundraiser Breakfast**](https://www.phinneycenter.org/calendar/power-of-community-breakfast/) **-** Oct 5, 7:30-8:30am * [**Seattle for All Ages Mayoral Debat**](http://states.aarp.org/seattleforallages/)**e** sponsored by AARP with KOMO studios at Fischer Plaza on October 10, 2017. 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. Individuals may record on DVR and set up watch parties. The City will not indorse either candidates nor comment positively or negatively. Focus groups will review debate questions on October 2. * [**Elder Friendly Futures Conference**](http://depts.washington.edu/eff/): September 14–15, 2017 * **Homeless Housing 101 Training** – Irma attended and recommended to TF. Jon Morrison-Winters will share registration information. * [**SDOT**](https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/saferstreetsforall.htm) **Street Design Toolkit**: SDOT received great feedback. Will incorporate comments and share revisions with TF. * [**Welcoming Week** (Hopelink)](https://www.hopelink.org/events/new_volunteer_orientation)**:** Sept. 1 is event kickoff to support immigrants and refugees. Event will include job fair, resources, etc. * [**Seattle Stand Down**](http://theseattlestanddown.org/)**:** December 14-15, event is for homeless veterans. Metro and Sound Transit bus passes are available for attendees to use for event. Opportunity to access resources, refresh and connect. More information will be made available soon. * [**Volunteer Driver Summit**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteer-driver-summit-past-present-and-future-tickets-37050154008)**:** October 24**.** Click the link to register. Sponsored by Hopelink’s Mobility Management. * [**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. Lunch provided, bring a salad to share. * [**Women’s Equity Forum—Engaging Aging**](http://www.seattle.gov/agefriendly/events) is on November 6 beginning with a resource fair at 3pm. The forum will be from 4-8pm. Both Mayoral candidates will be invited to speak at the forum. If you would like to host a resource table, please contact [Terry Ann](mailto:TerryAnn.Lee@seattle.gov) or [Irene](mailto:irene.stewart@seattle.gov).   *\*If you have an event you would like us to share via the Listserv, please email the details to* [Maria.Langlais@seattle.gov](mailto:Maria.Langlais@seattle.gov) |
| **Project Updates: Action Plan- Preliminary Draft**   * **Overview & Action Chart:** Irene provided a thorough overview of the action plan, explaining the format, content, and action chart. HSD data team will verify numbers in action plan. Irene willpost the entire pdf plan on the [Age Friendly](http://www.seattle.gov/agefriendly/about) website and will update every few weeks. * **Feedback:**  1. **Question:**  Organizational structure to complete the work and address the gap?   **Answer:** Interdepartmental leads will be identified as partnering with teams - may change.  Need to pull together community partners and city employees to engage.  Need to include dementia and disability.  Weave in across the board fluidly vs. as silos. Huge training component for all city training modules beginning with depts. that engage with public first.  Community Living Connections, LGBTQ, poverty, homeless - need to demonstrate competence.    1. **Comment**: Incorporate evidence based programs and housing consortium on senior drug programs. Share with community. Current family support is not always available and increases social isolation. What do you currently have for support and project what will be needed in the next few years?  Intergenerational approaches needed, workforce development / CEU's - transformational interactions vs. transactional. Age friendly needs to transform Seattle. 2. **Comment:**  Health clinics partnering with federally qualified health centers have data. 3. **Intergenerational and Capital:**  Can't find throughout.  Under develop volunteer coordinator position - provide matching.  Report - speaks to impacts of social isolation.  Transformation occurs with intergenerational participation. Does the money follow into 2021?  Reallocating funds to carry work forward.  Any surprises in budget gives us time to regroup. 4. **Question:** Transportation 1.1 - Do we have a relationship with KC fare enforcement? Recommended that KC be ambassadors to tourist and community members vs. fare enforcers. Feeling welcomed on transit is a gap. 5. **Housing Comments (2.2A)**:  Many don’t qualify for discount programs because they earn too much. We need to advocate for age vs. income.   **Housing Gaps:**   * Rental rebates – need to advocate * Senior discount taken away and everyone in the same level program – Senior level. **Gap:** Advocate change in threshold in property discount. * No advocacy for transition from home ownership to rental. Current message: If you can't stay in own home you failed.  No advocacy in choosing to sell home to live a better-quality life style.  What would this look like?  SHAG is trying to do this. Disconnect when city pushing density vs. pride of ownership. Competing attitude. Stigma in renting, due to downsizing - not doing the American dream anymore. * ADU and detach cottages – promote and advocate for easier permitting. Challenges:   Moving target with zoning changes - people who want them can't afford to do it.  Current restrictions on permitting for renting out mother in law space.   **Housing Recommendations:**   * + - Action items focused on property owners however, most affected are the renters. Add action item on renter equity for older adults and what that would look like in programing. Offer certification of rental facility that protects older adult renters from outpricing.  Messaging that makes renting look less scary.     - Section 2.3 - innovative housing items: Revision that would better address rental downsizing, rental transition.  Will Jon have housing plan address this? Due 1st quarter 2018.  Plan lends toward homeowners vs. renters because that is where the assistance. Need to reflect older adult population is changing - from home owners to renters.     - Follow New York’s project open house which allows for minor home modifications without a permit.  Put in plan to do at the minimum in order to stay in your home.     - Provide training service to contractors who do home repair / modifications and access permit process to identify older adults who could qualify for minor home repair. In return, they could use “Age Friendly” stamp of approval. Challenges: Coordinating with insurance companies and medical necessity.  Implement one change in universal design with the permit process.  (i.e. one level entry - door widening.)  1. **Mayor’s Transition:** Are there any concerns with the Mayor's resignation in relation to the age friendly resolution? All eight domains touch on every Council member’s interest.  We have the Council’s support on age friendly. The upcoming Mayoral debate is an opportunity to bring awareness of Age Friendly to each candidate and their responses will be recorded which will provide accountability. We are optimistic that support with Age Friendly will continue with this important work. |
| **Action Items**   1. **Review draft plan (all)**    1. Look for opportunities, inconsistencies, gaps, and overall value.    2. Recommendations on reorganization, rewritten, and jargon used are welcomed.    3. Consider future role of task force in implementation and evaluation and how/where this should be reflected in the plan. 2. **Submit preliminary feedback by COB Monday, 9/25**    1. Send your feedback to Irene via email:    2. Limited sharing is OK – keep in mind versions will change weekly, so pay attention to footer. 3. **Final feedback due 11/22/17 (**Will not finalize draft until Women’s Equity forum is completed). |
| **Check Out**   * Reviewed Action Items above. |
| **Next Meeting:** Friday, October 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4050 |