

Seattle and King County Age-Friendly Task Force Meeting Notes for September 23, 2016

Attending

- City of Seattle
 - Steve Lee, Mayor's Office for Policy and Innovation
 - Dave Sarju, Human Services Dept. (HSD) Deputy Director
 - Andrea Yip, Aging & Disability Services (ADS) / Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
 - Maria Langlais, ADS / AAA
 - Jon Morrison Winters, ADS / AAA
- Joanne Donohue, Sound Generations
- Irma Farsch, Sound Generations Board
- Amanda Frame, AARP
- Dori Gillam, NW Center for Creative Aging
- Keri Pollock, Aging Wisdom
- Anita Souza, UW School of Nursing
- Leighbeth Merrick, Leading Age Washington
- Staci Haber, King County Mobility Coalition / Hopelink
- Darlene Storti, Northhaven
- John Forsythe, Seattle Housing Authority
- Linda Wells, King County DCHS
- Jen Petty, Aegis Living
- Brian Aylward, Iora Primary Care
- Mariah Weston, SHAG
- Florence Klein, ADS Advisory Council / Silver Planet
- Lorna Stone, ADS Advisory Council / Sound Generations Board

Introduction / Icebreaker

Task force members introduced themselves, their organization and shared “what an age-friendly community” means to them. Ideas and comments were added to the input gathered during age-friendly poster session at [Elder Friendly Futures Conference](#) and will inform assessment and action plan.

Project Updates

Maria gave a brief overview of the initiative to date – from early stakeholder coordination to the Seattle's recent designation as an Age-Friendly Community.

Steve Lee described the connections between age-friendly and the City's equity initiatives and his role in managing change – integrating age-friendly into city business. This requires shifting the thinking of staff in 30 departments and creating alignment with our work. He is also interested in how the City can raise awareness of this work and connect it to the community – one idea to explore is a Find It Fix It Walk to focus on older adults.

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To help with the next phase of this work -- assessment and planning -- Maria solicited volunteers for two workgroups:

- **Data and Assessment** – purpose identify what we already know, how can we find out what we don't know. King County would like to partner with us as the information we gather for the assessment will help inform their Veterans and Human Services Levy implementation plan.

Maria will organize a meeting in the next few weeks with county staff, HPRC and PSRC (who participated in a preliminary data meeting last year) and task force members, including: Anita, Irma, Stacy, and Joanne. Amanda will check to see if AARP WA's data person, Carla Pak, has capacity to participate.

- **Communications** – role to raise awareness. One task will be to help inform development of sharepoint site for the task force – our internal communication tool. Jon Morrison Winters will be the site lead, and is waiting for approval from IT to begin. Task force volunteers are: Keri, Florence, Jen, Brian, Dori and Kavan.

ADS will submit an application to the Evans School for students in their public service clinics to work on age-friendly. Project work could include:

- Complete and/or analyze the assessment of current conditions.
- Development of Age Friendly Dashboard.
- Develop an evaluation plan.
- Report on the practices of other Cities in Age Friendly network, including funding/budgeting information (including private foundation support) and governance structure, including recommendations to inform the action plan.

Evans school faculty felt there would be strong interest from students in this work, and there is also potential for it to be a multi-year project. Selection of students (project matching) will happen in mid-late November and project work takes place January through May.

Steve suggested reaching out to the Urban Planning school at the UW for similar opportunities.

Member Updates

Task force members shared the following updates and reminders:

- Housing and Aging forum November 17 (Jon)
- Age-friendly events at King County Library and Frye Art Museum (Dori)
- Senior centers will be advocating for age-friendly innovation funds with Seattle City Council as part of city budget process (Joanne)
- City is convening workgroups on ADA accessibility – Irene Stewart with ADS is working with the City's ADA coordinator on this.

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- Northhaven partnered with Amazon to pilot Echos with their residents. (Darlene)
- King County mobility coalition is focusing on access to healthcare, cultural competency, education and outreach. (Stacy will send link)
- Alzheimer's Association Town Hall meeting on 10/25
- "Where We Live" – a recent AARP publication, features Mayor Murray's Vision Zero – improving pedestrian safety – there will be an announcement and council action on this week about this project. (Amanda)
- AARP also released a booklet on age-friendly communities – a guide for communities interested in joining the network. (Amanda)
- AARP WA is partnering with City Club to host debates for Governor and US Senate and is soliciting input on candidate questions. (Amanda)
- UW School of Nursing, has been working on a pilot for dementia screening and training for providers serving homeless populations – "trauma informed" (Anita)
- Feet First is hosting Walktober events (Stacy/Lisa)
- Rep. Sherry Appleton supported an amber alert system for people with dementia (Florence)
- King County is hosting community meetings and an online survey to inform renewal planning for the Veterans and Human Services Levy. The renewed levy may include more focus on older adults. (Linda)
- Several task force members are represented on the state's Dementia Action collaborative
- Task force members should model accessible meetings – speak loudly and clearly.
- Avoid actions that continue to segregate us by age and other categories.

Action Items

- Next meeting Friday, 10/28, 9:00-11:00 a.m., location TBD (ALL)
- November and December will be a combined meeting – doodle poll coming soon. (Maria)
- Look for emails in early October to schedule data/assessment and communication workgroup meetings (Maria and workgroup volunteers)
- If you want to share more details on related updates or events, you can share directly with the listserv: AgeFriendly@talk2.seattle.gov – contact Maria if you run into difficulty.