Seattle and King County Age Friendly Task Force

**MINUTES | March 17, 2017**

Seattle Municipal Tower | Room 4050 | 9:00am – 11:00am

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| **Topic** |
| 1. **Introductions & Check-In Question – What concerns do you have about our age-friendly initiative?**   Several thoughts were expressed and noted as follows:   * Pace is moving fast+++ * Ensure that details balance with vision * Getting the word out with positive focus * Potential impact of federal budget changes+++ * Need measurable outcomes – ability to secure funding & evaluate progress. * Senior Housing: Need to discuss affordability at any level++++ * Focus on community, healthy, living – not just aging. * Immigration / Refugee / Low Income representation. * Risk of “Age-friendly” becoming a buzzword and shifting focus from meaningful impacts, such as addressing ageism. * Time and info management+ * Lack of private sector support * Stronger grass roots support, should be community led++ * Ensure integrity and fidelity – challenge of maintaining what is good while building new. * Digital equity work through Seattle IT is coordinated with AF so not duplicating efforts * Ensure older adults are able to access and benefit from technology * Broader representation from other City departments+ * Balance building growth with need to create communities. The increase in construction costs makes it difficult to build in community design projects. * Mayor’s Office is committed to support AF work across City departments. * How far can we get without funding? * Struggling with checking out vs. heading exploding+ (political climate) |
| 1. **Updates and Announcements**   **EVENTS:**   * + March 22, 2017 **Press Release Age Friendly** **& Joint Resolution** | Details will be sent via email.   + March 22, 2017 Transport Fair | 1-3pm   + March 23, 2017 Accountable Community of Health – Transition of Care Project | Valley Medical   Center| 9am – 11am   * + April 7, 2017 Alzheimer’s Conference at WA State Convention Center   + April 8, 2017 **Public performance of *Paper***Silver Kite Community Arts / Intergenerational cast   members   * + May 2017 Older American’s Month – material is available on-line. Everyone was   encouraged to find ways to recognize Older Adults during the Month of May  through their organization.   * + May 3, 2017 2017 ChangingAging Tour (Kavan will send update)   **UPDATES:**   * + Accessible Travel Maps are available. Contact Staci Haber for more.   + Greenwood Senior Center and other partners are exploring Homeshare options. Won’t be “senior” specific.   + Seattle Public Utilities is working with ADS staff to explore linkages with our work in the areas of health, social participation, and infrastructure.   + Crosscut writer, [David Kroman](http://crosscut.com/author/david-kroman/), is looking for stories about adults ages 40+ who have experienced discrimination in the tech world.   + AARP:   1. In need of Medicaid stories from ages 50-64.   2. Recruiting an Executive Council member. For more information contact Amanda Frame.   3. Seattle was one of 13 cities selected for age-friendly survey, which will begin soon. Shared copies of survey.   ***\*If you have an event you would like us to share via the ListServe, please email the details to*** [Maria.Langlais@seattle.gov](mailto:Maria.Langlais@seattle.gov) |
| 1. **Project Updates**    * Irene Stewart is the new Project Manager for Age-Friendly Seattle and will manage all facets of the initiative.    * Maria Langlais will continue to support and facilitate the AF Task Force in partnership with Irene.    * Irene provided update on the AF Joint Resolution being presented to the Council Committee on March 22, 2017, which outlines the City’s commitment to the following action items for 2017.      1. Dept. of Transportation: Sidewalk assessments will include older adults; assessment will inform sidewalk improvement and implementation plans. Increase capacity for current programs and explore other transportation options for older adults. HSD will work with Metro Transit to increase participation in the Reduced Regional Fare Permit (RRFP) - lower fare than Orca Lift, for ages 65+. Related strategy is to promote a “no wrong door” approach for all City departments to serve clients better by connecting them with available resources.      2. Dept. of Neighborhoods and Dept. of Parks & Recreation: Involve older adults in planning process for capital investment, and increase participation in Life Long Recreation.      3. Dept. of Sustainability / Environment: Increase participation of older adults in Fresh Bucks program (incentive program for providing older adults with fresh produce.      4. Office of Housing. In partnership with HSD and other partners, develop a regional housing strategy for older adults; update recommendations in “Quiet Crisis” Senior Housing Study. Explore homesharing models.      5. King County Assessor: Increase participation in Property Tax Exemption and Deferral program and coordinate with City programs such as Utility Discount Program, Weatherization Home Repair programs.      6. Two community Forums are being planned:         1. LGBTQ – June 2017.         2. Older Women – TBD (Q3 or Q4 2017)   The focus with both groups will be on the big picture of their unique needs and what can be done to meet those needs.   1. HSD is designing an Innovation Fund to test new ideas and community driven solutions. The first-year dollars will be designated to Age-Friendly. 2. Civic Technology Event: Setting aside dollars to figure out ways to bring tech gurus and older people together to leverage technology to help them (e.g. Seattle Trails App).  * In addition to the above, HSD will continue to work on development of a longer-term action plan 2018-2022. Today’s breakout sessions will help inform this plan. Also, planning to develop and integrate an Older Adult lens into City’s RSJI toolkit.   **\*Event details for both the official AF Launch by Mayor Murray & CM Bagshaw and the Joint Resolution will be sent via email.** |
| 1. **Break Out Groups**   Instructions were given on the structure of break out groups using NCI Charrette + Design Thinking Vision Wall and Ease, Impact mapping. Break out groups are as follows:   * **Respect & Social Inclusion**    1. **Facilitator:** Irene Stewart   2. **Participants:** Andy Oden, Florence Klein, Basia Belza, Rebecca Zhao * **Social Participation**   1. **Facilitator:** Jon Morrison Winters   2. **Participants:** Robin Cherry, Dave Sarju, Keri Pollack, Cecily Kaplan * **Communication & Information**   1. **Facilitator:** Allison Boll   2. **Participants:** Andrea Yip, David Keyes, Dolores Rossman, Staci Haber * **Civic Participation & Employment**   1. **Facilitator:** Mary Pat O’Leary   2. **Participants:** Darlene Storti, Irma Farsch, John Forsyth, Kavan Peterson, LeighBeth Merrick, Sharonn Meeks, Jacqueline Wu |
| 1. **Reconvene / Report Out from Work Groups**   **Respect & Social Inclusion:**   * Dialog was a good part of the process. * Found that categories were classified hard/medium with high/medium impact. * They felt some of the categories didn’t apply to their Domain.   **Social Participation:**   * Good discussion * Found SP domain intersects with many of the other domains. * Categories identified as hard with high impact. * Reflected hierarchy by proximity of category placement on Ease/Impact chart, however, don’t want to lose sight of all categories being equally important. * What I recall was a strong interest in seeing neighborhood/community hubs as “community connectors.” It’s the old third-place model, with a bit more intentionality around including social services and connecting people to opportunity.   **Communication & Information:**   * Group quickly reached consensus regarding principal vision for this domain - where and how to get information. * Able to spend majority of time discussing strategies, including several concrete strategies in following areas: availability and coordination of resources; dissemination of information; training and technology access; literacy and translation * Discussion of need to coordinate with existing resource centers (e.g. 211), to avoid duplication and create seamless access to information   **Civic Participation & Employment:**   * Great group; helps to have people bringing various perspectives to the conversation * Caregiving-impacts ability to work and volunteer- * Literacy/translation of materials-understanding that even if something is translated in a person’s language, they still may not be able to read. This impacts people from the US as well as immigrants/refugees and this is whether it relates to work or volunteerism. * Making older adults more visible; need more positive messages about older workers and/or volunteers who are still engaged, contributing, etc. * Need to message to employers about hiring older workers |
| 1. **Check Out / Action Items**  * Type up notes for each workgroup * Will communicate next steps prior to next meeting. |