

## **Age Friendly Communities Workgroup**

**June 3, 2016 Meeting Notes - DRAFT**

### **Attending**

- Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Jon Morrison-Winters and Karen Winston – ADS Staff
- Joanne Donohue, Sound Generations
- Cecily Kaplan, Greenwood Senior Center / Phinney Neighborhood Association
- Basia Belza, UW Health Promotion Research Center
- Linda Woodall and Jay Woolford, SHAG
- Dori Gillam, Positive Endings
- Keri Pollock, Aging Wisdom
- Kavan Peterson, Changing Aging
- Amanda Frame and Cathy McCaul, AARP
- Stacy Haber, Hopelink
- Sharon Meeks, Washington State Housing Finance Commission

### **Updates on designation progress**

ADS staff briefed the Mayor's Executive Team in late April on the designation process and received preliminary support for this effort. Steve Lee with the Mayor's Office for Policy and Innovation (OPI) has been assigned to work with ADS; he is a former transportation planner and worked for AARP, and he will work to get this in front of the Mayor in the next month. Current plan for bringing the County on board is to have the Mayor's team take the lead on engaging the County Executive in a collaborative designation process.

In the meantime, we continue to balance moving forward with the work while trying to secure political support. "Age-friendly" work in this region will continue w/o the sign-off from City and County leaders, however, their support is needed for the official designation and will help elevate this work to make a broader impact.

Puyallup became an Age Friendly Community on March 28. This is a grassroots initiative led by Aging in Community, a volunteer committee that emerged from the AdvantAge Initiative. The City of Puyallup's role is limited to support from their PR staff, who will assist with outreach and promotion of events and activities. There may be opportunities for regional collaborations, particularly with south King County cities. <http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/community/puyallup-herald/ph-news/article75327287.html>

### **Opportunities / Ongoing Efforts**

- WA St. Housing Finance Commission is considering policy changes that would incentivize age friendly construction – e.g., adding points to proposal scores.
- Dori and Keri presented on "age friendly" at a neighborhood forum for the City of Bellevue.
- Elder Friendly Futures Conference will have a workshop on Age Friendly. Keri and Kavan are developing the format and content, which Kavan will facilitate. It's a great opportunity to reach stakeholders and prepare them for action. Could be a good forum for a poster that highlights both current efforts and possibilities.
- State Alzheimer Plan / Dementia Friendly / Dementia Action Collaborative: Lynn Korte has done a great job of organizing committees and providing structure and deliverables for the state level

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work. Look at national roadmap. Seattle Parks is a leader dementia friendly programs, in partnership with Greenwood and other partners.

- City of Issaquah Office of Sustainability is working on a review of programs and services – opportunity to connect with them on age-friendly framework.
- Seattle Human Services Coalition Budget Recommendations – Cecily and Joanne submitted a request for age-friendly innovation funds for senior centers.
- Grants and Funders - Communities of Opportunity, Seattle Foundation, Funder Collaborative – this is a gap in terms of designated funding for aging programs and efforts, but this is also an opportunity.
- Homelessness – hot issue across the region. UW School of Nursing partnership with cities. Boston may be an example of successfully connecting aging and homelessness. Concern about focus on problems – shift to raising awareness about potential.
- Find It Fix It Walks with the Mayor are an opportunity to raise awareness. Workgroup members are interested in participating.
- UW @ Urban
- Housing WA Conference – Jay and Darlene are going
- City developments: Northgate Superblock; North Rainier Valley / McClellan station;
- AARP National Conference on Age Friendly
- King County Mobility Coalition, three sub-regional coalitions: transit education in N King; benches in E. King.
- Villages
- Libraries
- Elder Economic Index – tool to tell the story. NCOA has agreed to support his work moving forward.
- UW School of Public Policy – Amanda is a recent graduate. Idea of interns to help with organizational structure, framework.

#### Potential Stakeholders

- Chris Fordyce, Group Health?
- \*Wendy Pender, King County Library System - Keri will connect with her about joining working group.
- Dori Rosenberg, Group Health
- Sara Maxana, Puget Sound Regional Council
- \*Jeannette Burket, Administration for Community Living – Maria will invite her to working group; assume she will want to stay on the list as an FYI.
- Norma Coe, Economist, UW School of Public Health
- Built Environment – John Shoesmith and Wolf Saar (sp?)
- Urban@UW – City is an official partner, but Keri may have a warmer connection.
- Parks and Recreation Planners – Sharon has a contact

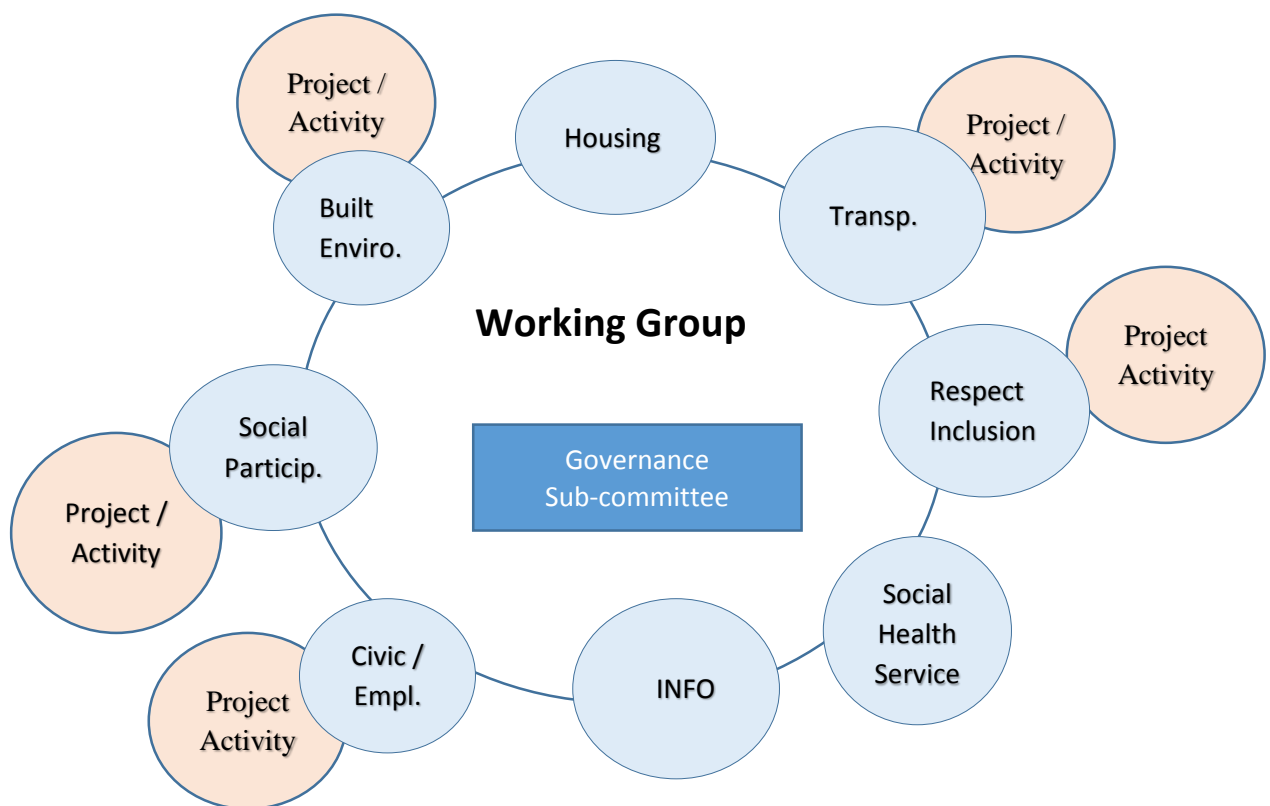
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### Workgroup Roles / Structure

- Connect Age Friendly work to our respective organizations and agencies' work.
- Successful models are funded. Visibility (e.g., website) and structure helpful in applying for funding.
- AARP conference may provide more ideas about other models and approaches to governance and structure. AARP's local role is outreach and connection to their members – 200k local, 950k statewide.
- A subcommittee will meet to work on governance.
- Concern about balancing representation from sectors, domains and a manageable workgroup size. Not everyone needs to be at the table for the planning work; stakeholders will come in and out as needed for activities/efforts. (Thanks to Dori for the following visualization)



### Next Meeting

July 15, 9-11am, downtown (either Sound Generations or Seattle Municipal Tower).

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**Action Items**

Item	Who	When / Status
Update inventory of current/ongoing Age-Friendly efforts; share with workgroup for feedback.	ADS staff	Circulate before next meeting; Add content updates as standing item for workgroup meetings.
Share calendar for Find It Fix It Walks	ADS Staff	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/find-it-fix-it-community-walks">http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/find-it-fix-it-community-walks</a> - Check in with Maria if you plan to attend.
Governance subcommittee meet to develop governance framework.	Cecily, Maria, Joanne	Meet before next full workgroup meeting; identify target date to circulate draft documents.
Elder Friendly Futures – continue planning for AF session; Identify action items/next steps for mobilizing participants/stakeholders and consider including a poster session.	Keri, Kavan, <i>Am I missing anyone?</i>	June-August