

Age Friendly Outreach, Advocacy and Communications Work Team Minutes

8-17-18, 11:00AM -12:00PM, SMT 4070

Present: Leslye Wood, (Community Member), Amanda Frame (AARP), Sharon Meeks (Housing Finance Commission), Dolores Rossman (Community Member), Ty Nolan (Community Member), Melissa Krook (UW Undergrad researcher), Sarah Demas (City staff)

Check in on what brings you to this committee:

- Interested in making our community welcoming to everyone. Thrilled that this initiative exists.
- Get the word out! LGBT Aging issues.
- Researching disaster prep/social isolation.
- Looking for a way to plug in.
- Interested in connecting to the other work that is going on.

Proposal to reconfigure our group, maybe merge with the Social and Civic Participation work team. Other committees are more specific, ours is very broad, more tactical. Lots of cross-over in our projects.

Note: this is on hold until after the October Coalition meeting.

Proposal and discussion: For our October Coalition meeting, do a walk audit of Pike Place market to assess age friendliness of the market from a local perspective.

- Uses a tool developed by Stanford University to assess and record issues of accessibility in public spaces.
- Amanda worked with Irene Stewart to do this activity with AARP national staff in June.
- Opportunity to get out in the community, do a project together.
- We could get local media to cover this – good press for Age Friendly.
 - Seattle Channel – invite back. Use multiple methods to get the word out.
- Part of a larger need to assess accessibility of public spaces, enhance what’s already there and make it more accessible without losing character.
- Amanda has data from the “tourist” perspective from the AARP event, could compare to local perspective, glean info from both reports.
- AARP community challenge grants – went to Seattle Greenways, working on making streets safer for bikes and pedestrians. Could invite them to participate?

Other proposals for this group:

- create a speakers bureau to tell stories about aging experience locally, Age Friendly work.
- Put on a resource fair with all our groups that we work with, for networking and outreach.

Damaged sidewalks, potholes, etc. can be reported through the City’s Customer Service Bureau: (206) 684-CITY (2489), or the Find It Fix It smartphone app: <https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>.

Customer Service Bureau will be presenting at the September Age Friendly Coffee Hour, Thursday, 9/20, 10-11AM at the Central Building, 808 3rd Ave.

Next meeting: 10-11:30AM, Thursday 8/30/18. Ty will look into availability of rooms at Wallingford Senior Center. Confirmed 8/28.