

Age Friendly Coalition for Seattle and King County Housing Workgroup

Date: August 29, 2018

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Facilitators: Jon Morrison Winters, Sarah Demas

Location: Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue, Room 5882

Present: Ty Nolan (Generations Aging with Pride), Denise Malm (Wallingford Community Senior Center), Caleb Marshall (Rebuilding Together Seattle), Karen Lucas (SHAG), Lulit Merid (ADS Case Management), Sharonn Meeks (WA State Housing Finance Commission), Alyssa Schnitzius (Leading Age), Loren Tierney (Housing Development Constortium), Valerie Kendall (King County), Joanne Donohue (Sound Generations), Brent Butler (City Staff – Age Friendly Program Manager), Jon Morrison-Winters (City Staff – ADS Planner), Sarah Demas (City Staff – Age Friendly Coordinator),

Meeting Minutes

Introductions (share your name, organization if you are affiliated, what brings you to the table and your hopes and dreams for the group)

Context setting:

- **Overview of Age Friendly Coalition for Seattle and King County**
 - Age Friendly is about making Seattle a great place to grow up and grow older. Designation flows from a WHO framework addressing 8 domains of livability, and is administered in the US by AARP. The City signed on in 2017, stemming from the work of community and city staff over the last several years.
 - Coalition is the community voice helping to guide the City's Age Friendly work, meets bimonthly on the 3rd Fridays, 9-11AM at Seattle Municipal Tower. Several subcommittees, formed in early 2018 and loosely based on the 8 domains, report back to the Coalition on their work at Coalition meetings.
 - Steering Committee sets the Coalition agendas, makes decisions about direction, etc., meets 3rd Fridays of alternating months, 9-11AM at Seattle Municipal Tower
 - Outreach, Advocacy and Communications Committee meets monthly, works on projects related to getting the word out about Age Friendly and issues affecting older adults
 - Transportation and Public Spaces Committee meets monthly, working on a neighborhood project in South Park and Beacon Hill

- Social and Civic Participation Committee meets monthly, works on inclusion and countering social isolation.
- New Housing Committee fits here!
- **Age Friendly Seattle Overview**
 - Age Friendly Seattle Action Plan was signed off on by Mayor Durkan in July 2018 and sent to AARP as part of the City's Age Friendly designation.
 - The Action Plan contains 88 action items, with work led by several city departments including SDOT, Office of Economic Development, Human Services and others, over a 5-year plan period.
 - The Mayor has identified 13 priority goals for the next 18-24 months, 4 of these are related to housing. See the attached document for details.
 - Important to connect this work to our personal stories, and the stories of those most impacted by our work.
 - See attached for info on
- **Age Friendly Housing Data and Recommendations**
 - Recommendations emerged from the WSU Study, Moving Toward Age Friendly Housing.
 - Process has thus far been supported by an Advisory Group that came together to revisit data and recommendations from the Quiet Crisis report that came out in 2009.
 - The study recommendations were incorporated, along with some key data points and quotes from older adults, into a one-pager (see handout).
 - Additionally, the recommendations served as a launching point for actionable project ideas that were prioritized by the Advisory Group.
 - This workgroup is one avenue for implementation of the recommendations and projects.

Open Discussion/ themes:

- Important to have agreement on the definition of "senior" or "older adult", especially with data.
- Question about status of King County's Veterans and Seniors Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Shallow rent subsidies – small grants to help cover last bit of rent to keep people stable.
- What is the role of elected officials in our work? (at City level, but also County, State, Federal) Important to know who our allies and champions are.
- Concerns about the housing crisis hitting older adults particularly hard, creating a cohort of homeless older adults being priced out of local housing.
- Important to ensure community voices are heard in this work
 - Maybe meet in community locations to help with this. (parking downtown is expensive, etc.)
 - We need to consider who is not here, reach out and invite them to our group.
 - Not all people in the age group we are talking about identify as seniors, so that can make them hard to recruit to be part of the work.

Action Items and Next Steps:

- [Please take this doodle poll](#) to find a next meeting date.
- Next meeting will be hosted by SHAG Tukwila Village (thank you Karen!) – more details to come.
- **Homework for the group:** read the attached action steps from both Age Friendly Seattle and Moving Toward Age Friendly Housing, and come to our next meeting ready to discuss what we might work on together.

Topics for Next Meeting:

- Cross-walking goals and strategies
- Group resources – What are we well-positioned to take on?
- Recurring meeting schedule, location?
- Leadership and decision-making
- Staff role

Upcoming Age Friendly meetings (all are open to the public):

Age Friendly Steering Committee, Friday, September 21, 9-11AM, Seattle Municipal Tower Room 4096

Age Friendly Coalition – Friday, October 19, 9-11AM, location TBA at Pike Place Market

Social and Civic Participation – next meeting TBD

Outreach, Advocacy and Communications – Thursday, September 13, 10-11:30AM at Wallingford Senior Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Suite 140, Seattle 98103

Transportation and Public Spaces – Tuesday, September 11, 8:30-10AM, Seattle Municipal Tower Room 4080