Age Friendly Steering Committee

Meeting notes 10-9-19

Present: Edna Diagre (Co-chair), Joanne Donohue (Co-Chair), Mary Snodgrass, Ty Nolan, Denise Malm, Brent Butler, Amanda Frame, Maria Langlais, Karen Winston, Lenny Orlov, Sarah Demas

Please note: **All follow-up action items are in bold below.**

Appreciation for our new chairs -Edna and Joanne - yay!

Appreciation for commitment – newly committed members received a small thank you gift as a token of appreciation from staff.

Age Friendly group overview/updates

* Context for today – Recap of graphic that we created almost a year ago, showing all the groups working under the age friendly umbrella ([Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council (ADS AC)](https://www.agingkingcounty.org/about-us/advisory-council/), [Mayors Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)](https://www.seattle.gov/mcaae/who-we-are), [Northwest Universal Design Council (NWUDC)](https://www.environmentsforall.org/about-us/), [Age Friendly Coalition](https://www.agingkingcounty.org/age-friendly-coalition/), Age Friendly Steering Committee (AFSC), Age Friendly Project Workgroups, Age Friendly Programs and Events Workgroups)
* Community is why do this work, we work to ensure representative voices at our tables.
* ADS AC update
* Background and similarities to AFSC
* Senior Lobby conference on Thursday, October 24, Hotel Murano in Tacoma. Contact [Sariga.santhosh@seattle.gov](mailto:Sariga.santhosh@seattle.gov) or [Maria.langlais@seattle.gov](mailto:Maria.langlais@seattle.gov) with questions.
* **Maria will add AF Steering Committee members to the ADS Advisory Council listserv.**
* AC has a report out from the AF Coalition and Steering Committee as standing item at monthly meetings.
* [Area Plan Update](https://www.agingkingcounty.org/data-reports/area-plan/) is complete.
* NWUDC update –Sarah shared highlights from Design Festival, some ideas in the works for 2020:
* Forum on accessible wayfinding with SDOT, Sound Transit, maybe Lighthouse for the Blind
  + Joanne suggests reaching out to Basia Belza - **Sarah will follow up**.
* Ongoing collaboration with Seattle Dept of Construction and Inspections to incorporate Universal Design in city’s development review process.
* Possible entry/ partnership with Seattle Design Festival as part of a July-August event series to commemorate 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
* Ongoing networking happy hours (~quarterly) in partnership with design showrooms.
* Janice Tufte, longtime NWUDC member, is also a member of AF Steering Committee, could not attend today, but will help link the groups in the future.
* Transportation and Public Spaces workgroup – Mary gave update.
  + Focus on how to increase transportation options for older adults.  Focus on South Beacon Hill neighborhood - working with International Drop-In Center (IDIC).  Committee is working with them on ideas on how to make entry and approach to their space safer and more accessible. Toole Design did some free design drawings.  SDOT is involved.  Looking at local funding sources, moving bus stop, more.  Great example of public-private partnership.
  + Two products the committee wants to produce are a 1) process report and how they selected the project and 2) advocacy toolkit - how to work with local govt and how to navigate system (e.g., what local grants are available).
  + [Showed video](https://rootedinrights.org/video/trafficsignals/) - raised questions about need for audio signals, longer signal timing.  **Brent will follow up with SDOT on how audio signals are installed, what they cost.**
  + Suggestion to look at [SDOT’s Vision Zero report](https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/beSuperSafe/VZ_2017_Progress_Report.pdf).
* MCAAE - update from Karen.  Advocacy, advisory board.
  + Had a great program at NW African American Museum for Grandparents Day - 80 people attended.  Interactive, intergenerational, speaker was Dr. LaShonda Pittman, researcher on kinship care.
  + Have also been advocating for extremely low-income housing in central area.  Liberty Bank Building tour and meeting with Capitol Hill Housing, Africatown Land Trust, and Seattle Office of Housing.
  + [November 9 Legacy of Love Caregiver Forum](https://www.agingkingcounty.org/legacyoflove/).  **KW will send info**.
  + MCAAE party/open house on 12/20. **KW will send info.**
* Other updates
  + Age Friendly Housing group is on hold, interested folks may want to get involved with the Housing Development Consortium’s Senior Housing Affinity Group. Contact [Jon.morrisonwinters@seattle.gov](mailto:Jon.morrisonwinters@seattle.gov) for more info.
  + AARP November Bulletin is highlighting Age Friendly Seattle, Pike Market walk audit in 2018, resulting funding for local partners. **Amanda will send link.**
  + AARP staff were on New Day NW. **Amanda will send link.**
  + Master Builders Association meeting. **Amanda will send more info.**
  + Question about new development at 23rd and Union. **Brent will research.**
  + Mary: suggestion to include a King County VSHSL Levy update as a standing item. For now, GRAT funding is going back out for bid soon, no one applied in first round. Health Promotion RFP will be released soon too (includes Fall Prevention). **Mary will research public meetings and send info.** Request for more info on the implementation of Senior Center Hubs.
  + Maria attended [Aging Well Whatcom](https://www.agingwellwhatcom.org/) summit in September. They launched a [Blueprint](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d5eeb84b575850001806081/t/5da79ac3d9eaa17ad509aaf3/1571265222995/AWW_Blueprint_WEB+9.25.19.pdf) similar to AF Action Plan – includes “Cultural Shift” as a domain.
  + WA State Refugee Elders Program is expanding, RFP applications are in, announcement of funding awards soon.
* Age Friendly Seattle Action Plan update
  + 86 total actions, 29 initiatives/goals.
    - Addressing the crisis of affordability
      * Ex. Expansion of Senior Property Tax Exemption in 2020
    - Deliver Essential Services
      * Ex. Support our partners to deliver LGBTQ-competent services.
    - Build a Safer, more just city
      * Ex. Apply SDOT Street Design Toolkit, ensure public spaces are accessible
    - Build a more vibrant Seattle
      * Ex. Age Friendly Business project, launch of [goagefriendly.org](http://www.goagefriendly.org) and expansion of Discount Program.
* Question for our Committee: what format would we like to receive regular updates on Action Plan in? **Brent will send link to NYC example report. Homework for all: bring thoughts on format to next meeting.**

Building the Age Friendly Steering Committee

* One new member joining in November: Alan Knue, Director of WA Assistive Technology Program (WATAP).
* Discussion of need to define onboarding process for new members, know who we are missing.
* Result: New committee forming to
  + Propose a tool for self-assessment/identity and affiliation disclosure to help us determine who to recruit.
  + Determine and propose onboarding process.
  + **Amanda, Joanne, Sarah will work on this.** Other members welcome.

December Coalition Meeting Planning

* Will take place Friday, December 6, 10AM-12PM at AARP office in SeaTac, 18000 International Blvd, SeaTac, WA 98188.
* Includes Steering Committee members and broader aging network/communities
* Purpose of gathering is to convene our broader network for
  + Networking/relationship building
  + Celebration of successes this year
  + Fun!
  + Learning
    - Should be relevant to SeaTac/South King County
    - Maybe a World Café/speed dating setup, or a panel or something less formal
* Discussion on format and content:
  + Should be interactive, maybe include movement/dance, focus on story-sharing, wisdom of older people, connection.
  + Opportunity to get to know each other.
  + Connect to organizations working in SKC.
  + Include VSHSL updates? Maybe focus on Senior Center Hubs in SKC?
  + MCAAE December gathering is good example – share who we are with a broader audience.
  + AARP office space is limited to about 40 people, may need to move if it gets big.
  + Maybe include the theater project Alliance of People with disAbilities is doing with older adults with disabilities. Jeff Fullington is contact, Ty can connect?
* **Sarah will schedule a time for a committee to meet** and plan details before Nov. Steering Committee meeting. **Will work with Edna, invite Dori. Sarah will support.**

Upcoming meetings

* Next AF Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 10-12 at Seattle Municipal Tower (SMT)or skype. **Sarah will send a recurring calendar appointment with skype info.**
* NWUDC Steering Committee meets monthly, all are welcome. Next one is Wednesday, November 6, 11AM-12PM at SMT Room 4090 or skype. Contact [sarah.demas@seattle.gov](mailto:sarah.demas@seattle.gov) for more info.
* Senior Lobby conference at Hotel Murano in Tacoma, October 24.
* Steering Committee Group Development Committee (time TBD)
* Coalition Planning Committee (time TBD)