



Beaverton Council on Aging

Summary of Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Welcome and introductions – Chair Sky Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. Debby Cahill with AARP attended as an observer.

Approval of February Minutes – Motion for minutes to be approved was seconded and unanimously approved.

Review of Age Friendly City Presentation to the City Council

Regina Ford reported on the Age Friendly City presentation given to the Beaverton City Council.

City Council expressed some reservations about adopting the Age Friendly Cities initiative. Chair Johnson's summation was that the City is already making an effort in many of the areas that are features of the AFC initiative. City Council wanted more information on the details of the program, and what cities have had success with the program historically.

Chair Johnson indicated that Washington County has a survey that was done that could potentially be referenced going forward. Ford has communicated with community groups that have indicated they would be agreeable to participating in a survey on the city's Senior Friendly features and future needs.

Bauman suggested a potential partnership with the community newspaper for a survey. Sali cited a McGraw Hill study and asked about presenting those cities as a representation of what could be accomplished in Beaverton – New York and Sausalito in particular.

Brooks lent advice to the group to continue to work on the programs and initiatives that add value for senior in our community and reiterated that many of the components of the program are already being addressed in the Beaverton Community Vision.

Councilor Arnold agreed that the Age Friendly Initiative would need to be clarified, as well as any potential resources that the city would need to allocate.

By-Laws and Name Change - Discussion on name change:

Some members of the Beaverton City Council expressed concern with the *Beaverton Council on Aging* name for the group. The group discussed the history of the name change and the importance of the choice of the word "council."

Chair Johnson led the discussion on how would to go about changing or keeping the name. Councilor Arnold stated that there may be confusion with the word "council" and took a poll of the group. Arnold's informal poll indicated that if the City Council would like to change the name -BCOA by consensus would prefer "Commission" to "Committee."

Visioning Committee - would like the BCOA to collaborate on issues that may overlap. Kick-off event for visioning program. BCOA is invited 4/14/16 4-6pm at Beaverton Library Doyle, Baumann and Rinehart will attend event.

Resource Guide/ Speakers - Ford discussed the group "Lets Share Housing" as a speaker topic and will pursue bringing in a representative from the organization. Menzel suggested aligning speakers with Vision Committee Plan. May article should focus on transportation. Baumann would like to reach out to Wapato Shores on the subject.

Brooks – Liaison Report -

Ann Satterfield will be moving over to the aquatic center. Karin Madsen will become the program coordinator at The Elsie Stuhr Center.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:05 pm.

Members in

Attendance: Will Anderson, Regina Ford, Pam Rinehart, Cathy Doyle, Jeff Menzel, Beverly Sali, Jo Anne Baumann, Shannon Wiseman, Sky Johnson, Laurel Reilly, Sally Furman (Alternate.)
Staff Liaison - Jim Brooks
Council Liaison - Cate Arnold

Members not in Attendance: Susan Nystrom, Peggy Gordon, Suzanne VanSlyke