

Beaverton Committee on Aging
Summary of Monthly Meeting
July 12, 2016

Welcome and introductions – Chair Sky Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM

Approval of May Minutes - Guest Ramona Crocker noted small typo in minutes –

Guest: Ramona Crocker

Guest: Laurel Reilly announcement: Elsie Stuhr – Annual Rummage Sale at Elsie Stuhr – Drop off items Aug 8th – September 3rd . Sale will be the 9/8 – 9am-4pm, 9/9 8am-6:30pm

Jeff Menzel: Regina Ford is moving from United Homecare to BrightStar, looking for qualifications for Manager, 2 years' experience.

Sky Johnson: Beverly Sali and Sky went to AARP meeting on June 29th on housing. The presentation was informative. Sali felt like the networking and brainstorming was very helpful. Johnson noted that some of the audience was concerned with the demographics that were targeted for the survey - More female than male and 3,000 surveys went out with a return of 500. The targeted age was 45+ and registered voters.

General discussion in the group on the AARP survey results. Beverly Sali – the results may not represent the exact population needs that BCOA is looking to help. Sky Johnson noted that the words “Engageable, intentional and remainable” were the buzz words. The Age Friendly City program was the target for part of the survey. Important community features were discussed, one thing that came up in the conversation was cracks in the city sidewalks and how it affects safety and mobility. Full survey available online at aarp.org/2016agefriendlycommunity

Upcoming Speaker Discussion: Looking at Meals on Wheels, Food Pantry reps, Pastor to seniors, Bridge Meadows all might be good targets for presentations and information. Jeff Menzel – would like to hear from the Pastor to Seniors. Shannon Wiseman will reach out to Ecumenical council and Pastor Bill at Pilgrim Lutheran.

Survey Discussion: Sky Johnson created a draft on survey monkey for possible senior population. Distribution of the survey would be through the resource guide and Beaverton City website. 500 postcards would be about \$115 - \$500 for printing depending on the size. Questions discussed: Who will the committee be reaching? What will the outcome be for the survey? Jeff Menzel – Looking at transportation - who in the demographic can we help? BCOA may need help gathering and galvanizing the data.

Potential Forum Discussion: Committee could do both outreach and education through public forums. Sky Johnson – potential forum on transportation. What are the options and what are the needs? Potential for housing forum to look at the current housing environment in Beaverton. Potential for Social issues forum. Sky Johnson would like to align forum topics with the subcommittee groups. Beverly Sali – what is the safety net for seniors in Beaverton. Suzanne Van Slyke - We have these three areas – what the city has already started as far as projects etc? Group consensus on a 3-part series, Housing, Transportation, Social issues. Viva Village may be a partnership possibility for the BCOA for a forum, potentially the second week of November, tentatively November 12th. Beaverton Library could be a possible location, Saturday afternoon, possible. Social issues subcommittee will meet to discuss and organize event including possible panel speakers, resources for the community, partnering Beaverton seniors with volunteer opportunities.

Potential Forum Timeline: Beaverton Committee on Aging presents a livability forum discussing the critical issues with Seniors in our community. (Title and content to be determined.)

November - Social Issues Forum.

February - Transportation

May - Housing.

Jim Brooks will check for possible dates with the Library Calendar and report back to the committee.

Social Sub-Committee -Sky Johnson - Goal is to Identify possible program models, some possibilities may be tutoring, technology, community service, communication model, cultural and empathy training. Goal would be to reduce the generation gap between the youth and adults. Community band, art, choir, Beaverton School district all could be partners, as well as the Art Lit program potentially collaborating with Senior volunteers.

Transportation Sub-Committee: Jeff Menzel - The committee has organized the core of the information and how to present the information to the public. They have gathered transportation possibilities and the next step would be to develop and design a piece that would be an introduction to the services. Uber was discussed as a possibility, but there may be a technology barrier.

Housing Sub-Committee: Suzanne Vanslyke - the needs are revolving around money for repairs, taxes, and just general upkeep, etc. What resources are available to people who are in need. The committee will be focused on the solutions and strive to be an advocate for Seniors.

Liaison report – Brooks is on the advisory committee for Metro Homeshare - The program is in the searching for funding stage. Funding Metro Homeshare is one of the recommendations that the Blue Ribbon Committee on Homelessness will be presenting in a round table discussion with City Council on July 25th.

Brooks: Very supportive of the forum concept.

Meeting Adjourned: at 4:10 pm

Members in Attendance: Beverly Sali, Cathy Doyle, Jeff Menzel, Sky Johnson, Suzanne Van Slyke, Shannon Wiseman

Staff Liaison - Jim Brooks

Beaverton City Council Liaison - Cate Arnold was not in attendance