

**Meeting Minutes
Age Friendly Action Committee
4-13-2022**

DATE: June 9, 2022
TIME: 9:39 AM

Attendees: Susan Polit, Judy Singler, Tim Flood, Kristin Daley, Judy Morrison; ex-officio members Dana Bickelman, Rachel Garrity and Nava Niv-Vogel

Call to Order The meeting began at 11:10 am.

Review past meeting minutes These will be deferred to the next meeting.

Discussion of Progression Work in Forming Sub-Committees Each of the subcommittees discussed the progress they have made:

Housing

- Subcommittee members: Susan Polit, Judy Singler, Kristin Daley, and Jolly Kabatoro
- Meeting date: April 27th at 11am
- Several subcommittee members attended an AARP webinar about modifications to housing policy which paid particular attention to successful experiences communities have had with age-friendly policies
- The subcommittee has the goal of producing a guide for seniors that outlines the steps to a wide variety of home modifications. Bathrooms, laundry rooms, wheelchair ramps, hand rails were specifically mentioned, although members would like to expand this list. Existing AARP materials will be helpful in identifying additions to this list. Community Development will be leveraged to determine specific guidelines and policies for the guide.

Transportation/walkability

- Subcommittee members: Judy Morrison, Ellen Sullivan, and Margie Wayne
- Meeting date: TBD
- COA Board is in conversation around what should be done for medical ride services
- Judy Morrison will meet with the leader of the safe walkways for schools initiative on Friday
- Kristin will put Judy Morrison in touch with the traffic officer
- Judy Singler has a map of walkable routes in Belmont
- The Department of Public Works is responsible for snow and ice removal
- Safe bikeways and intra-Belmont transit have also been discussed. Amy Grossman from League of Women Voters is speaking to town planner Robert Hummil about this and will report back to the AFAC.

Outdoor Spaces

- Subcommittee members: Tim Flood and Andrea Paschal
- Heidi Barberio will be stepping down from the AFAC and is working with Nava to identify a replacement
- Meeting date: April 27th at 11am
- Group is looking at the current open spaces in town to get a better understanding of what age-friendly aspects already exist in order to determine what would be beneficial to add

- In the future, the group would like to work toward have an agreed upon percentage of open spaces being age-friendly

Communications

- Subcommittee members: May Forkin
- Ralph is working on finding a replacement for himself, as he was a temporary AFAC member
- May and Ralph were not present
- Meeting date: TBD

New Business Nava announced her retirement at the end of June; Dana will be taking over Nava's responsibilities on the AFAC. Heidi will be stepping down from the AFAC and is working with Nava to identify a replacement.

Next meeting: May 4th at 11am

The meeting adjourned at 11:57am.