

Ad Hoc Senior Steering Implementation Committee  
Minutes  
August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting  
5:30-7:00 City Hall Basement Conf. Room

Call to order by Adele Edelman.

Members present: Adele Edelman, Carol Kilroy, Maxine Beecher, April Caricchio, Tony Grande, Alan Cardinal, Sue Henderson, Phil Smith, Donaldo Gotelli, Lisa Joyce

Members absent: Peter Stanton, Bernadette Kroon, Diane Gotelli, Kathy Babeu

**Review of minutes** Minutes of July meeting accepted.

**Financial Report** Alan reported that we have \$16,476.50 in our account.

**Draft of budget reporting format** Alan presented a Project Funding Request Form which identifies the project for which money is being requested and the sub-committee which presented it. A principal person with contact information is identified. The project is described as well as its major public benefit. Then the form requests budget information re how much money is requested and how it will be allocated. The form ends with a section which asks for measurements of effectiveness to be identified. The treasurer will bring the request to the city clerk, the Committee's approval of the request will be stated in the minutes. The draft was accepted as described. (Copy to follow)

**Report/discussion of subcommittee activities**

Lisa presented a draft subcommittee report for the purpose of allowing the Committee to be prepared to discuss the subcommittee's work at the Committee meeting. The report will be emailed to the Committee members at least 3 days before meetings. The form was accepted with minor changes (see attached form) .

1. **Communication** – Carol reported for Kathleen. Meeting dates and times have been identified. (Lisa identified some time needs related to her work). Sue suggested that the TV stations channels be posted so that people can be reminded where they can watch meetings and public information programs. April mentioned a possible donation source which will need to be discussed as a future agenda item.
2. **Housing** – Donaldo expressed that he feels like he cannot take on role of subcommittee chair, but is willing to stay on as handyman contact. Diane is still recovering from the injuries received in the traffic accident when their car was hit in South Portland, Donaldo is willing to attend Committee meetings while we arrange a replacement for Diane who will not be able to take the Committee role because of her injuries. Donaldo identified that it might be good to start with a handy neighbor project. There is always the issue of liability for repairs. School seniors may be able to volunteer.

Sand/snow removal was not definitively discussed as how to implement, although it was noted that sand buckets in commercial areas and bringing sand to seniors would be good initial project. To bring this project to fruition, we would need to : talk to public works re sidewalks in commercial areas, seek volunteers to take calls from seniors re sand buckets request, obtain buckets and identify volunteers to get the sand and deliver to senior who

requested. Clear snow from seniors' walks and driveways is another important project. Students were considered as a volunteer public service project as well as possibility of some commercial donated or low cost service.

**Transportation** – Tony has identified a list of potential sub-committee members. He updated group on Shoppers Link progress which has had time extended for pilot until October. He identified that a grant opportunity sent to all by Lisa could be useful. (There are Federal and State grants and an ongoing Portland area transportation study.) Adele spoke of her experience of having all transportation related providers in a community come together as a transportation consortium.

**New Business**

**AARP Challenge Grant:** We seem to be missing them. AARP approval of action plan can help with these grants. We need an agenda item to discuss. Sue is to ask if the City has a grant coordinator.

**RSVP Interface** Adele discussed a meeting that she had with a representative from the Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging. The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a federal grant program to local AAAs. Our city may be able to access some of these trained volunteers through SMAAA. Adele and Mary are in communication. We would need to provide the specifics of what the person would be required to do.

**Old Business**

Update on member information: not discussed.

**Public Comments** Sue mentioned the Council workshop on Sidewalk Clearance, the book discussion groups on Climate Change, and One Climate Future in relation to our work including need to have home energy efficient

**Date and time of next meeting:** September 11, 2019, Agenda to follow

Recording: Sue Henderson

Attachments

**THE ad hoc SENIOR STEERING IMPLEMENTATION MONTHLY UPDATE**

**SUBCOMMITTEE**\_\_\_\_\_

**MEETING DATE**\_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMITTED BY**\_\_\_\_\_

**Members**

**Present**\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Agenda Items(Please attach agenda sent to subcommittee members if available.**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Actions taken by the subcommittee including progress made on funded projects.(Please list motion as presented to the subcommittee and include the vote tally) -**

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**Please list any items forwarded to the Advisory Committee for further action.**

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**Updated 8/19**