

Ad hoc Senior Implementation Steering Committee
Meeting Nov. 13, 2019
South Portland City Hall Basement Conference Room
5:30-7:00 PM
Minutes

Present: Chad MacLeod, Tony Grands, Peter Stanton, Maxine Beecher, Bernadette Kroon, Lisa Joyce, Susan Henderson, Kathleen Babeu

Minutes: A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Bernadette to accept the minutes of Oct 9 and Special Meeting Oct30. All in favor

Membership: a motion was made and seconded to accept Chad MacLeod as the ninth member of the Committee (to replace Diane Gotelli) and for him to assume the role of co-chair. All in favor

Accepting Logo: Chad submitted various suggestions, the group chose the tiny waves next to Age Friendly, then South Portland on the next line and AARP referenced in tiny font on the next line.

AARP: Our two year acceptance was noted; then an action plan will be needed for renewal. Sue will seek guidelines for the action plan, and said that Adele has offered to help write it. Tony noted that our report should address much of what is required.

Grant Money: The Cape Elizabeth Home will maintain a non-profit service. Grants will help people in South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and Portland. Not immediately available for application. We will discuss more when April returns.

Lisa presented several potential funding opportunities for seniors. The library will host SMAA's trainers in conjunction with Maine Health to present "A Matter of Balance" and also Tia Chi for seniors and those with arthritis. Both programs are grant funded.

She is seeking funding for SMAA's Onsite Senior Advocate Program, where a SMAA employee meets one on one with seniors in the library to facilitate seniors accessing available resources.

(We may consider some of funding?)

Friends of the Library is funding the Conversation Project which will start in January. SMAA and Hospice will publicize.

While speaking with representatives from SMAA, it was suggested that we look at what Yarmouth has been doing, their program Yarmouth Cares About its Neighbors could be helpful to our work as they are about five years ahead of us.

SubCommittee Reports

Traffic: Shoppers Link program was discussed with seniors at Community Center and ideas for improvement in future programs noted. Zoe Miller is willing to work with us on traffic issue.

Housing; Sand bucket program flyers were presented at the Senior Expo in the Community Center. Deliveries will start next week. Re the sand barrels, we will leave it to Public Works to decide where to place.

Communication:

A pamphlet on food insecurity is being designed which will list the top ten food resources. It will be placed at City Hall, the Library, the Community Center and on the city website. The Sand Bucket article will be sent to the Sentry. Chad is willing to do some articles.

Next Meeting: Will be Dec 11, same time, same place
Sue recording