

**Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting
Housing Sub-Committee
July 11, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

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DATE: July 12, 2023
TIME: 8:56 AM

Meeting called to order at 12:010 p.m.

Present: Judy Morrison, Susan Polit, Ellen Sullivan, Kristen Daley

Not Present – Betsy Lipson, Jackie Dobson

1. Discussed the draft Power Point presentation Ellen prepared. We agreed that with small changes this could be used as a draft discussion guide with other groups in town.
 - a. Other content to add (as backup are below)
 - Current parking regulations – Kristin to provide.
 - % of Belmont Housing stock that has 1st floor bed and bath (a key point for ADUs) – Ellen would you be able to find this?
 - Number of ADUs actually built since approved regulation in other towns (Few).
 - We discussed proposing a 3-year “inspection” to confirm ADU still conforms to regulations as an option – we could have a backup slide on how that works in Medford.
2. Discussed finding allies/advocates for ADUs from the town. We agreed we should start with the Housing Trust. Learn about their expectations for sponsoring zoning or policy changes that would accommodate ADUs.
3. We agreed that AFAC – housing group’s role is NOT to sponsor but to advocate for ADUs as one strategy to help increase housing accessibility and support seniors in Belmont.
4. Questions we had that could likely be answered by Housing Trust included:
 - a. What is difference between ADU and house modification?
 - b. How do ADUs fit into the Housing Trusts housing plan?
5. Assign point person for each “ally” group in Belmont. This point person will contact the group lead, set up discussion meeting and do summary minutes of the meeting with that group.

Possible discussion groups:

 - LWV- Judy
 - Housing trust – Betsy – transition person to be named
 - Diversity Equity and Inclusion -?? Susan, could you reach out to them?
 - Small group on living alone – would these elders consider an ADU an option? – Kristin to ask Janet
 - COA board – Judy/Ellen

Others?

2. Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.
3. Next meeting planned for Tuesday July 11 at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Morrison