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Meeting Notes Age Friendly Action Committee 5-4-2022

DATE: June 8, 2022 TIME: 3:09 PM

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

As there was no quorum the meeting turned from an official committee meeting to an informal group sharing information and doing ministerial business.

Each of the subcommittees reported on the progress they have made:

Housing

- Subcommittee members are: Susan Polit, Judy Singler, Kristin Daley, and Jolly Kabatoro
- Next Meeting date: Wednesday, May 11th at 9:30am
- Susan will send out meeting date/time to other subcommittee members
- AARP grant application has been submitted; decision should be received by the end of May
- Nava reported that Ellen Schreiber, the new director of the Belmont Savings Bank Foundation reached out to her to ask for funding needs. The BSBF could potentially be a good source of funding for the home adaption guide should the AARP grant application not get approved. There is potential for this source of funding to be used to fund the communication coordinator role in the Action Plan

Transportation/walkability

- Subcommittee members are: Judy Morrison, Ellen Sullivan, and Margie Wayne
- Next Meeting date: Thursday, May 12th at 2:30pm
- Overlap with Outdoor Spaces Action Plan → snow removal from crosswalks

Outdoor Spaces

- Subcommittee members are: Tim Flood and Andrea Paschal
- Next Meeting date: Wednesday, May 18th at 10am
- Tim and Andrea clarified that for purposes of the plan it's important to think about informal spaces in addition to formal spaces (ex. streetscape)
- Full list of public outdoor spaces are available through Recreation Department, Department of Public Works, veterans group
- Overlap with Walkability → snow removal from crosswalks

Communications

- Subcommittee member: May Forkin
- Meeting date: TBD
- Looking for a new person from the School Committee to replace Ralph; Judy Morrison to be interim member
- Peter S., Library Director, might be able to help on subcommittee as well
- Judy Morrison offered to disseminate Age Friendly Action Report around Town

New Business

Upon Nava's retirement, Dana will be taking over her role of posting AFAC meetings with the Town. However, Judy Morrison volunteered to take over this task, to alleviate Dana's workload. Nava will ask if that is possible.

Group discussed Town Day - importance of having engaging people work the table, having a bench for folks to sit on and possibly having Friends of COA buy reusable water bottles for passersby to take.

Next meeting: June 1st, 2022 at 11am