

**Age-Friendly Maple Grove
Leadership Team Meeting**
Friday, May 10, 2024 | 9:00am-10:30am
Via Webex

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Liz Faust (City of Maple Grove), Joe Hogeboom (City of Maple Grove), Jane Warren, Lydia Morken, Carrie McLachlan (North Memorial), Cameron Kolbeck (City of Maple Grove summer intern), Deb Stock, Jen Olson (SilverCreek on Main), Bill Tiedemann (Trellis/Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging), Sharon Noble and Gabie Clark (Maple Grove Library), Sue Hyland

[Happy Older Americans Month!](#) This year's theme is *Powered by Connection*.

AF MG WORKSHOP REPORT and ACTION PLAN NEXT STEPS (Lydia Morken)

- The AF MG Steering Committee hosted a half-day workshop on April 30 focused on implementing AF MG's new three-year Action Plan.
- Goals were to identify people interested in working on particular domains, and begin to identify priority projects/actions to undertake first.
- There was great turnout (18-19 people) and energy at the workshop – both new and familiar faces.
- Next step: Steering Committee will be scheduling meetings for each Pillar (Built Environment, Connection and Inclusion, Safety and Security) to zoom in on which actions to start with in each pillar. Those meetings will be held in coming month. Anyone from the Leadership Team, or anyone else interested, may email Liz to be included in those meeting invites.

CITY UPDATE (Joe Hogeboom)

- **Garland Commons**, the newest affordable senior housing building in Maple Grove, is nearly complete
 - Located off Garland Lane north of 95th Avenue (behind Menard's)
 - Units will include three levels of affordability – 30%, 50% and 80% AMI (Area Median Income).
- **New affordable senior housing on the way near Fernbrook Lane/93rd Avenue** (near Arboretum)
 - City has chosen a developer for this new housing, which will include 133 units
 - This will be a multi-unit building – challenges of financing affordable housing limit the design/format. At one point, cottage homes or a pocket development had been discussed.
 - Located near an early childhood center; city is considering how/whether to coordinate with the center.
 - Exciting to be close to finalizing this new significant supply of affordable senior housing in Maple Grove
- **Woodland Mounds is becoming an officially affordable building over time.**
 - This has been underway for a while – is happening unit by unit over time as people turn over in the units in this city-owned building (88 units).

- **Changes to roadways**
 - Many changes coming to Fernbrook Lane; Joe will add AF MG as a stakeholder to Fernbrook Lane Corridor Study.
 - Construction continues on Hwy 610 extension – a major, multi-year project begun last year; in the end will ease traffic on other key roads, among other benefits.

COMMUNITY CENTER REDESIGN UPDATE (Chuck Stifter)

- Chuck Stifter, head of Parks and Recreation for the city, shared an update on the Community Center redesign, planning for which began back in 2018
- Much of the project is being funded with a temporary sales tax increase that residents voted to support in 2022. Revenue being generated through the tax is already ahead of schedule.
- Phase one involves adding a third sheet of ice and related elements; that will begin this summer.
- Chuck shared a virtual walkthrough of the new spaces.
- Deb Stock continues to represent AF MG on the Community Work Group that is a primary mechanism for stakeholder input.
- Lydia noted that AF MG would be happy to continue to serve as a resource to the project to highlight all the ways an age-friendly lens can be put on the project – from flooring, lighting, acoustics, furnishings, etc., as age-friendly goes far beyond ADA compliance.
- Chuck encourage AF MG and other community members/stakeholders to reach out with questions, comments or concerns. This is a long and complex process and community input is valued.
- Leadership Team members noted that it's important to continue to remember representation, even in virtual/mock-up designs - including age, ability, and body-type diversity.

TEAM UPDATES

Liz Faust, City of Maple Grove

- Given remodeling work happening at the Community Center, the MG Farmers Market will be held at Church of the Open Door instead of the CC parking lot. The first outdoor market was recently held and all went well at the new location.
- All 55 Forward programs going well and with strong enrollment.

Carrie McLachlan, North Memorial Health System

- Hospital continuing its focus on issues identified through its most recent Community Health Needs Assessment – Black women's breast health and life impacting traumas.
- Budgets are very tight; outpatient mental health services were recently cut, as well as staff related to diabetes prevention.
- Carrie shared a link with a form that anyone interested can use to show their support for North Memorial's Robbinsdale Hospital and encourage County Commissioners to provide ongoing financial assistance to the hospital as a critical provider of care, especially to Medicare and Medicaid patients: <https://northmemorial.com/fundingsupport/>.

Sharon Noble and Gabie Clark, MG Library

- Maple Grove Library received innovation award for its work to keep the Osseo Library operational. The Osseo Library, located inside its City Hall, has shifted to a self-service model and now is open whenever City Hall is open. Circulation and use of public computers at the Osseo have both increased as a result.

- Series of several sessions offered in partnership with AARP MN have been going well. The last and most popular (Six Pillars of Brain Health) is coming up on Sun., May 19, 2:00pm.
- Summer sees heavy family programming, and there also will be some new adult activities. Older adults continue to attend arts and crafts programs.

Lydia Morken, Morken Consulting

- There are some upcoming sessions being offered by the [National Center to Reframe Aging](#), which works to counter ageism by changing how we talk about aging. This is a really important layer of age-related work. Different session choices – [click here for more information and to register](#).
 - *Generations Work: Introduction to Reframe Aging*: free, 1-hour, virtual session on Wed., May 22, 11am-12pm,
 - *Fundamentals*: a four-hour, in-person workshop for \$50 on Wed., June 5.

Next meeting: Friday, August 9, 2024, 9:00-10:30 a.m.