

Minutes
Age-Friendly Maple Grove Leadership Team
September 10, 2021, 8:30am-10am | via Webex

Attending: Liz Faust, Mark Carpenter, Cheryl Theuninck, Marie Maslowski, Jim Betzold, Patty Anderson, Tim Conaway, Lydia Morken, Caitlin Enright, Deb Stock, Joe Hogeboom, Giannina Posner, Jeanne McTootle and a special welcome to Lauren Carter at North Memorial Health

Subcommittee Reports:

Community and Health Services – Patty/Marie

- Patty went through a PowerPoint slide deck that explained the ACT on Alzheimer’s Grant. The granny started in April and has just been completed. The results are attached to this email and will be posted on our website.

Communications – Tim

- We will want to publicize the ACT on Alzheimer’s Grant results through local media. We should also send materials out to the broader faith community to let them know what we are doing.
- The monthly report for our website was shared. The number of users was down (190), but the number of sessions was up (237).
- Winter newsletter articles/photos are due by Wednesday October 6th.
- It was suggested that we should post something on the website regarding winter safety. Possibly publicizing the HOME Program offered through Senior Community Services.

Civic and Social – Liz

- Liz is working on developing intergenerational programming beyond the intergenerational garden. She is working with Kirsten Bansen Weigle.
- On Thursday, September 23rd the farmers market will be senior focused as part of “Senior September,” and AF-MG will have a booth there. Half of the booth will be dedicated to AF-MG, and the other half to 55 Forward programming. She asked for and received two volunteers to help work in the booth.
- Suggestions were made to help pull people into the booth. Liz will follow up.

Transportation – Cheryl

- Mark reported that the bench audit is virtually complete and a meeting with Ben Jaszewski (Superintendent of Parks and Planning) has been set for September 20th to review the findings.
- Working toward a meeting with Mobility 4 All
- Starting to plan for next year.

Housing – Lydia

- Presentation to City Council that was scheduled for September 7th has been moved to October 18th.

Budget – Mark

- Mark went through the year-to-date income and expense and reported we are good shape compared to budget.

Other News and Updates

Jim – Maple Grove Rotary

- Working with Lions Tuesday night (Sept 14th) to plan trees on 74th Ave across from Lord of Life

Tim C. – Maple Grove Lions

- Concert on the Lawn is all set for September 17th and 18th. Here is a link to the website for tickets and more information. [Concert on the Lawn](#)
- Osseo Lions Roar starts September 9th. Maple Grove Lions are helping with vision testing for youngsters.

Liz – City of Maple Grove

- We need a new minute taker/secretary for our monthly Leadership Team minutes. Tim volunteered!
- MRPA (Minnesota Recreation and Park Association) Conference starts October 12th. One of the topics is Age-Friendly and Liz will be a co-presenter along with Kelly Mertes from the City of Brooklyn Park.
- Volunteer coach on technology is needed. Contact Liz at efaust@maplegrovern.gov,

Giannina – Three Rivers Park District

- 3 Rivers is celebrating the second year of *Celebrando Junto* (Celebrate Together) next Saturday, Sept. 18th in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.
- She has written a blog post, which includes a video, about Three Rivers' Latino Senior Engagement Program that will be posted on Monday, 9/13 ([link to article](#)). That program has restarted after more than a year's pause due to COVID-19 and has been going very well with much positive feedback from participants.

Joe Hogeboom – City of Maple Grove

- Kicking off a planning study for the Territorial Road area of the city. The study would determine what kind of housing and trails we would want. This would then give direction to developers. This area also has a historical aspect as the city originated there.
- The city is working on creating a new destination marketing organization. The funding will come from hotel taxes. (Until now, Maple Grove has been part of a multi-city organization called Minneapolis Northwest; it now will be breaking out on its own.) Plan to be in place by January 1st. There will be numerous stakeholders involved, which could include AF MG if we are

interested. Anyone who has an interest in this should let Joe (jhogeboom@maplegrovern.gov) know.

- Working with Clear Channel Communication to take the two billboards in Maple Grove and consolidate into one newer board. The city will use the electronic component of it for announcements etc.
- New businesses coming to town: Max's on Main, Sierra Trading Post, Bob's Furniture, LA Fitness, along with many smaller businesses are coming soon.
- Main Street redesign is progressing. Scheduled for mid-July next summer.
- Community Center redesign plans are close to being finalized. There will be a ballot question next year on 0.5 cent sales tax to fund this.
- Interviewing for a Housing Coordinator for the city. This will be a new position.

Lydia thanked all for attending.

Next meeting is Friday, October 8, 2021.