

**Age-Friendly Maple Grove
Leadership Team Meeting**
February 10, 2023, | 8:30am-10:00am
Webex Meeting

Attendees:

Byron Byraiah, Liz Faust, Xiong Lee, Cheryl Theuninck, Kristy Janigo, Joe Hogeboom, Marie Maslowski, Carrie McLachlan, Jim Betzold, Len Langkau, Lydia Morken

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Welcome, Introductions, Overview

City Update – Joe

Joe shared a PDF with various visuals to accompany his report. It is being sent along with the minutes.

- *Garland Commons –*
 - This is the new affordable senior housing building coming up behind Menard's. It will have 160 units at 60% Area Median Income for residents aged 55-plus. Joe shared a plan to help illustrate the new development.
 - Construction starting this spring.
 - Joe shared sketch of GC

- *Road renaming*
 - Renaming a series of roads that criss-cross through the city – to become “Arbor Ridge Parkway”
 - Also naming a short road near the Hindu Temple to be “Temple Road”

- *Main St/Weaver Lake Road*
 - Two developers are in the process of producing proposals for this site
 - One possibility remains senior affordable housing along with other components like parking, other apartments, etc.
 - No updates on Lifetime Fitness. City continues to work with them. City would like them to leave that particular site but keep them in the city. Mayor met with LF recently to encourage them to make a final decision so the City can move ahead with its own plans.

- *New Woodland Mounds logo –*
 - Residents worked with a design consultant to provide input on the logo.
 - Woodland Mounds is located adjacent to Native American burial grounds that are about 2,000 years ago; they are a sacred space. We wanted to incorporate the mound into the logo;
 - Logo will be unveiled this spring.

- *CMRS Eviction Prevention Clinic –*

- City has organized its first such clinic; scheduled for Sat. May 20th at Maple Grove Community Center. Would like to include senior outreach.
- This will address eviction issues – how to prevent eviction, what to do if you are evicted, how to expunge eviction from your record.
- This has been held twice before in Brooklyn Park and once in Brooklyn Center, very good turnout, including some Maple Grove residents, so we decided to host one here.
- *Silver Creek on Main – proposed cottage homes*
 - Silver Creek is looking at putting in a handful of cottages on its property
 - Not affordable housing, but a nice option for people who have the means. Residents could still use amenities at SCM.
- *Additional items*
 - No updates on Evanswood Townhomes project
 - Joe is not aware of pending legislation related to protecting larger percentage of wetlands/water shed – question from the group.
 - Joe is tracking two pieces of pending legislation related to the following:
 - Cities’ control over residential zoning. This is meant to foster more affordable housing, but in some ways it could tie cities’ hands. Joe is part of a working group through the League of MN Cities on this issue.
 - Corporations’ ability to purchase single-family homes and convert them to rentals. This trend has significantly impacted the availability of what we would consider entry-level homes; the corporations pay cash and push out other buyers.

City Council update – Kristy Janigo

- CM Janigo has been promoting Black History Month events and activities, inc:
 - Library of Congress online webinars, including one on African-Americans who served in the military
 - Osseo Senior High event called “Osseo Speaks” – 2/22/2023, 3pm – visual and performing arts event
 - MG Parks and Rec annual art contest for Black History Month
 - Liz: Select entries and winners will be posted on Facebook. Winners announced last week of February.
 - African Drumming Session – 2/23, 10am – part of an ongoing African drumming class, but wanted to highlight for this month
 - [Black Business is Beautiful](#) event in St. Paul - pop-up market in St. Paul this month – Every 2nd Saturday – this month, Feb. 12 - 767 N Eustis St, Ste 115, Saint Paul
- Council will be looking at specifics related to Community Center soon related to upcoming remodel
- Recently filled vacancies on Planning Commission and will be working on doing this for the Park Board and Arbor Committee, too
- Had opportunity to participate in HC Point in Time County, an annual HUD requirement. Volunteers go out and try to count those experiencing homelessness –

Kristy did Osseo and MG – we came across about 25 people potentially experiencing homelessness. Tend to see 25-30 on any given night in the city. This information helps HUD allocate resources to address homelessness.

- *At the last meeting, Kristy shared that MG will soon have a social worker embedded in the police department; Lydia noted that she recently met with Senior Community Services and learned that they sometimes joined embedded social workers when police and social workers go out to deal with an issue related to an older resident. We might consider connecting that social worker, when hired, with Senior Community Services.*

Community Needs Assessment Update

- The last piece of work for the assessment is engagement of City staff.
- Committee members will be meeting with department directors on March 7 to share some information and gather their input
- Then we will meet with key staff from various departments to get more input
- Following this prong of the assessment, we will focus on analyzing our findings so we can use them to develop our next action plan.
- Aim to complete that action plan by end of 2023
- Lydia will also be presenting to City Council on March 20, sharing some info about the needs assessment as well as some highlights from the 2019-2021 action plan.

Age-Friendly MN Community Grants update

- Several AF MG Leadership Team members met in January to discuss possible grant project ideas for this funding opportunity. None were settled on – the short timeline was a barrier, as well as capacity considerations related to being able to implement a project.
- Several ideas were documented for the future, which could be helpful if more funding becomes available later.
- Fortunately, the City of Maple Grove applied for a grant, with support from AF MG, to support park enhancements at Lakeview Knolls Park. This would include 12 pickleball courts, accessible restrooms, park shelters, trail paths, etc.

Other Updates:

Carrie McLachlan - North Memorial and MG Hospital

- Two priorities identified through needs assessment: 1) racial disparities and health, and 2) life-impacting traumas. Community Health Implementation Plans will be developed to address those issues.
- Been writing many grants – some have focused on black women’s health, esp cervical and breast cancer.
- May host a conference/summit this fall focused on trauma.
- New population health team is starting, including in the MG area. One area of focus is for patients at risk of being rehospitalized. Lots of energy and excitement about this.
- Have partnered with YMCA, which is giving scholarships to low-income people to help them improve health following hospitalization.

- May want to connect the with Xiong Lee, Trellis at some point to get acquainted with what Trellis does.

Jim Betzold, Rotary:

- Busy building 10 more beds for kids
- Junior Rotarians presented their projects for this year – interesting topics
- Ethics workshops for high school kids in April

Marie Maslowski, Hennepin County

- Working on communications outreach for older adults to encourage vaccination

Len Langkau, Wiser Wings

- Looking for ways to fit in to our community – how AF MG could be a partner
- Opportunities to help reduce waste in process improvement, quality
- In last few weeks there has been some progress on the community level

Xiong Lee, Trellis:

- For Black Hisotry Month, an event on 2/25 called “I am my Ancestors’ Wildest Dreams” expo. Hosted by Dept. of Racial Equity and Inclusion in Minneapolis
- Free, lots of different events poetry, music, etc. – 9am-11pm!

Liz Faust, Parks and Rec:

- Planning through August already
- Kicked off some new programs this year – one is an ongoing hula class being held at the Town Green meeting room. Some intergenerational participation here.
- Back to normal capacity for field trips – 3-4 per month
- Working with Teen Center on Valentine’s event called Sweets and Treats
- Brenda does many of the field trips and was highlighted at a recent Council meeting for her excellent work

Next meeting: Friday, March 10, 2022