



Clark County Commission on Aging
Webex Remote Meeting
Vancouver, Washington

Work Session Notes

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Chuck Green (Chair), Larry Smith (Vice Chair), Cass Freedland, Amy Gross, Meghan McCarthy, Larry Smith, Tanya Stewart, Pam Wheeler

Absent: Nancy Dong, Franklin Johnson

Staff: Jenna Kay, Michael Sallis, Oliver Orjiako

1. May 19 meetings

- There were no suggested edits to the meeting notes.

2. June 16 retreat notes

- There were no suggested edits to the retreat notes.

3. Aging Readiness Plan

- Community Planning Director, Oliver Orjiako, joined the commission to discuss options for the Aging Readiness Plan (ARP) and Community Planning bandwidth
- The creation of the original ARP involved 3-4 staff members and 18 months-2 years of work.
- Questions for the Commission to answer:
 - Are there strategies in the ARP that the Commission on Aging hasn't pursued yet that you could focus on for your work?
 - Review the plan: what areas of the plan need updating? Staff could develop a scope based on the answer to that question and present the scope to Council. County Council would decide if supportive of proposal or not. If approved, Community Planning staff would work on it. Any limited update would likely take 1-year to 18-months to accomplish
- The county's general fund has a structural deficit and Council often looks at what is mandated and tends to have Community Planning focus on those items. The ARP is not required in state legislation, it was community driven.
- There are some other big, multi-year Community Planning projects coming up in the near term including the Comprehensive Plan update and possibly projects such as corridor planning. Community Planning won't have the bandwidth during these large projects to be updating the ARP at the same time.
- Q & A:
 - Larry: would it be helpful to have 1:1 meetings with the Councilors? Oliver: yes, that may be helpful. Before doing that, you would want to make sure you have identified those essential areas to update



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- Chuck: if we wanted to start making a request for next year's work plan, when do you develop the 2022 work plan? Oliver: Q1 is when Community Planning's work plan is typically approved. You would want to start working on your proposal during the fall of this year.

4. 2022 Focus & Work Plan Update

- Cass and Larry summarized the 2022 focus subcommittee's proposal to conduct a survey for feedback on what to focus on in 2022 and sought feedback from the group.
- Q & A:
 - Commission members generally seemed supportive of a survey
 - Suggestion for translation to other languages such as Spanish
 - **ACTION ITEM:** staff to check with AAADSW to see if they or local service providers have conducted any recent surveys with older adults. Want to make sure COA is not duplicating efforts.
 - Suggestion for survey to be added to end of Meals on Wheels People friendly chat calls. Could ask Suzanne Washington if that could work.
 - Suggestion to partner with churches and community centers.
 - Next steps:
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Subcommittee to draft survey method and return next month with a draft
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to help schedule subcommittee meeting and add to August work session agenda

5. Leadership roles

- Cass volunteered to join Tanya as the ADRN liaison. **ACTION ITEM:** staff to notify AAADSW about liaison update
- **ACTION ITEM:** staff to add Transportation Sounding Board rep, Tanya, and Housing Options Study & Action Plan rep, Nancy, to liaisons chart.
- The group discussed how officer voting would work in the regular meeting and provided an opportunity for those interested in an officer role to share that with the group.

6. City updates

- The last city update is with Washougal City Council on August 9. Franklin has volunteered to present with staff.

7. In-person meeting update/engagement ideas

- Staff provided an update that they may start offering hybrid commission meetings, where commission members, staff, and members of the public all have the option to attend either virtually through Webex or in person at the Public Service Center. Staff are working out the logistics and will share details with the commission once available.
- **ACTION ITEM:** once details about what a hybrid meeting would look like are shared, poll the commission members on interest in in-person, hybrid, and remote options.
- Chuck requested the group brainstorm creative ideas for engaging the community, such as a commission member going to a conference room at a senior living facility and hosting a group there/bringing the meeting to them. **ACTION ITEM:** staff to add to August work session agenda.

8. Other

- CVTV is hosting a focus group and was requesting a Commission on Aging representative to attend. Meghan agreed to be the commission's rep.

9. Next Meeting: August 18, 2021 – 3:30pm.

10. Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 4:22 pm.

The Clark County Commission on Aging provides leadership in community engagement and advocacy of Clark County's Aging Readiness Plan, especially for those 65 and over who plan to age in place.