

Minutes
Age-Friendly Maple Grove Leadership Team
June 11, 2021, 8:30am-10am | via Webex

Attending: Mark and Nancy Carpenter, Deb Stock, Chuck and Pat Schwalbe, Liz Faust, Cheryl Theuninck, Karen Jaeger, Jim Betzold, Tim Conaway, Jeanne McTootle, Jane Warren, Lydia Morken, Joe Hogeboom.

Liz asked the group if recording the session would be helpful for those to view if absent or wanting to review information provided. Members present agreed. Webex recording began. All future monthly meetings will be recorded.

Subcommittee Reports:

Communications – Tim

- AF-MG ad will appear in next Osseo-Maple Grove Press. One more ad is paid in full.
- On Tuesday, ad is due for Maple Grove Days publication. Will be viewed by 10,000+ residents. Tim asked for further feedback of his rough draft.
- Website visits up to 395 sessions in May, with most connecting directly to site. Increase tied to many “likes” and shares of Older Americans Month posts in May.
- Mark asked about Facebook traffic. Lydia and Liz reported that the number of Facebook followers for AF-MG is continuing to rise. They are posting often and thanked members for contributing ideas.

Transportation – Cheryl

- Bench Audit – Cheryl asked Mark to report.
Mark spoke with Ben Jaszewski, MG Director of Parks, regarding the possible partnership of City and AF-MG volunteers to map locations of benches in the city. Transportation team decided to move forward with this audit.
Mark will provide further information as becomes available and ask for volunteers in approximately 2-3 weeks.

Community and Health Services – Mark (Patty and Marie absent)

- Dementia Grant Update
Survey – 54 responses so far, which exceeds the goal of 50.
- Faith Community interview requests ongoing/scheduling 30-45 min. sessions.
- Deb Stock and Mark described their successful meeting with Pastor Peter of Advent Lutheran Church.
- Deb also described her roles both through the Alzheimer’s Association and Maple Grove 55 Forward programming (Memory Café & caregiver support groups).
- Lydia thanked the Dementia Grant Action Team and Patty Anderson, chair, for their great work & time volunteered thus far. She also emphasized the need to publicize the return to in-person meetings of Memory Café and caregiver support groups led by Deb later this summer.

Civic and Social – Liz

- A Volunteer Resource Guide is being created, with emphasis on five groups in Maple Grove Area (CROSS, District 279 Schools, Three Rivers Parks, City of Maple Grove and Maple Grove Community Organization).
- Content regarding each group's website and contact person/s is being gathered and will be shared in print and electronic forms. Interested viewers will follow link regarding organization information and project descriptions.
- New AF-MG projects will be posted separately with description and contact person.
- Intergenerational Garden has had a successful start with all spots filled.
- Farmers' Market –Thursdays from 3 – 7 pm - outdoors now – very active participation. Kirsten Bansen Weigle from City of Maple Grove coordinates and updates page on City website.

Housing – Lydia

- Lydia and team have been asked to share highlights of the Housing Brief at the City Council meeting on August 2nd (10-minute presentation followed by Q&A with Council). Team will meet again in July to finalize presentation and then send to AF-MG co-chairs Mark and Liz Faust prior to August 2nd for review.

Year 2 Progress Report – Lydia

- Report completed, approved by city personnel and ready for release to website, Facebook and stakeholders.
- Lydia shared a recipient list (see attached), which reflected ideas shared at last month's Leadership Team meeting.
- Lydia will draft a cover letter that will be sent in a separate email to Leadership Team, along with the Year 2 Progress Report attached. Team members with connections to specific recipients will be asked to volunteer to send a personal note with the cover letter and Year 2 Report. Some recipients will receive an email with a link to the report, and some will receive a mailed letter with a printed copy of the report.

Next Community Needs Assessment – Lydia

- Lydia presented the possible timeframe of Years 3-5 and various considerations as AF MG considers how to approach its second needs assessment (slides attached).
- Nancy suggested that more conversation should follow starting in the fall when Leadership Team member meeting attendance likely to be higher. To be continued.

Other News and Updates

Joe H. and Councilperson Karen Jaeger – City of Maple Grove

- No July 6th City Council meeting.

- Hindu Temple 15th anniversary celebration June 11-13. Governor Walz to attend and speak.
- City of Maple Grove is separating from Minneapolis Northwest Tourism, which has included Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center and Maple Grove, and is in the process of creating its own Tourism and Convention Board in 2022. Most other cities of MG's size in the state have their own tourism boards, and MG would like to draw more tourists to the community. May be opportunities to collaborate with AF-MG.
- Construction of the Main Street Redesign Project delayed until early next summer 2022.
- Maple Grove Days will be held 7-14 through 7-18. Contact the Maple Grove Community Organization for both a full list of events and to volunteer. (mgco.org)
- Chalkfest will be held Labor Day weekend on Main Street.

Liz Faust – City of Maple Grove

- 55 Forward Programming returning to the Community Center. Capacity limits have ended and there are more drop-in activities.
- Liz looking for volunteers to help host the Maple Grove Days Volunteer Hospitality Room Saturday, July 17th. Multiple shifts available. Contact her at EFaust@maplegrovern.gov.

Jim B. – Maple Grove Rotary

- Jim expressed the need for volunteers for the Maple Grove Days' Rotary-sponsored bed races to be held on Saturday, July 17th on Main Street. Pat from CROSS provided a flyer that will be Facebook-posted (attached). Jim will provide additional information on types and numbers of volunteers needed to Liz as becomes available.

Tim C. – Maple Grove Lions

- Events:
 - Gift of Sight Golf Classic – Pheasant Acres Golf Course – 6/11 p.m.
 - Maple Grove Days – Corn Feed, Vision Screening for children
 - Concert on the Lawn – September 17 and 18 – bands announced!
 Ticket information for one or both nights: maplegrovelions.org
- Plastics Recycling New Program has been very successful! See [website blog entry](#) and update on [CCX news interview](#) with Maple Grove Lion Lee Newman (“Challenge Accepted: Maple Grove Lions Surge Ahead of 500 lb. Plastic Recycling Goal,” 6/6/21).

Next meeting is Friday, July 9, 2021.