

## Work Session Notes

Wed., February 16, 2022

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Chuck Green (Chair), Franklin Johnson (Vice Chair), Nancy Dong, Cass Freedland, Amy Gross, Larry Smith, and Pamela Wheeler

Absent: Meghan McCarthy, Tanya Stewart

Staff: Susan Ellinger and Jenna Kay, Community Planning

1. Nov. 17, 2021 work session and regular notes review
  - Notes have not yet been approved because only a work session was held in January. There were no suggested changes to the notes.
2. Jan. 19, 2022 work session notes review
  - There were no suggested changes to the notes.
3. Subcommittee updates
  - Aging Readiness Plan subcommittee update
    - A Draft of the RFP was included in the meeting packet.
    - Staff verified that a full RFP will be needed. Other possible methods had been previously discussed.
    - Members did not have any comments on the draft RFP.
    - The subcommittee has another meeting tomorrow (2/17/22).
  - 2022 Focus/Survey subcommittee update
    - Plan to give a more detailed presentation about the survey in a future meeting
    - Cass discussed the proposal that was included in the meeting packet
    - Committee plans to look at stories from the survey and see if there are innovative ideas for connecting people
      - Different people that could assist with effort were discussed including:
        - Christina Marneris with AAADSW
        - Bill Baumann from Community in Motion
        - Meals on Wheels People
        - Possibly others
      - The next session could be a mini-summit or round table and an introduction/launch for the remainder of the 2022 COA meetings.
      - Members supported this mini summit idea for the next meeting.
      - Some ideas for things to include:
        - Presentation of highlights of survey
        - Cascadia Technical school in Vancouver - Have kids connect with seniors to help them.
        - Chuck is part of SW Washington Labor Round Table and so is someone who is a representative from Cascadia. Chuck will ask them about the above idea.



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- There was discussion about introducing a program of the month plan. There was support for trying this as well. Helps people understand programs county offers, ability to learn a lot.
- One idea about the program of the month was regarding safety issues for seniors.
- There was discussion about trying to coordinate the program and the focus topic for each month if possible. There was support for this idea.
- **ACTION ITEMS** for staff:
  - Identify a topic for each month and round out a speaker's list
  - Coordinate program presenters including:
    - Mark Maggoria -staff to check in with him to see if he is available for first program presentation.
    - Assessor regarding senior tax exemptions
    - Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue
    - ODOT tolling program – effect on people with fixed incomes and mobility –Chuck will forward the contact at ODOT.
    - Contact someone from Law Enforcement, to discuss security and being cognizant of surroundings.

#### 4. Final prep for presentation to Council

- Review meeting plan
  - Acknowledging Councilor Quiring O'Brien – does Commission want to thank her for her service with a memo or letter if the timing does not coordinate with the rescheduled time for the joint February meeting?
  - General support for this; good to support anyone in public office. Helps support COA link with new Councilor.
  - **ACTION ITEM** – discuss plan with Chair at tomorrow's meeting

#### 5. Public comment debrief

- Mark Maggoria was only public commentor last month and no follow up was needed.
- Christina with AAADSW asked about the Dementia Friends program which includes a one hour training to help be aware of and interact with people who have dementia. Does commission want them to attend a meeting or suggest taking training to COA members?
- Members discussed that it is difficult to take an hour out of a work session or meeting for training.
- Support for encouraging members to take training on own time. Members felt that if they receive the link most will take the training.
- **ACTION ITEM** – staff to forward Dementia Friends training link once received from Christina

#### 6. Other updates/communications

- Proclamations
  - 2022 possible proclamation requests include:
    - National Health Care Decisions Day - Have discussed but not done proclamation in past
    - Older Americans month – have done proclamation in past
    - Dementia Friends – Christina has reached out on coordinating
  - National Caregivers Month – have done proclamation in past but not recently.
  - Council chooses proclamations that they will do, and Commission can request more than one in a month. Sometimes COA members attend when councilors make a proclamation.

- Support for Older Americans, Dementia Friends, Caregivers proclamations. Suggestion to schedule caregivers proclamation during same month as caregivers session.
- Is this a decision for chair or the whole commission? In years past, has been a decision from the chair and then have chair attend council meeting.
- There was discussion about which proclamations should be requested. There was a desire to allow those not at meeting to make suggestions.
- Appropriate to try to reach out to news outlets about the proclamations? Support for this, ask them to attend meeting. Work with local news outlets to do something ahead of time with Commission member(s).
- **ACTION ITEMS** –
  - Reach out to all commissioners and ask if they want to add any proclamations to the list, if so, bring to next meeting.
  - As proclamations planned, staff to reach out to news outlets to help with potential publicity
- COA vacancy announcement
  - Will need to form subcommittee to review applications/conduct interviews. Select committee at March meeting.
  - Existing members who have completed first term need to re-apply if want to pursue a second term.
- City council presentations
  - Did commission present annual report to cities last year? All except Yacolt.
  - There is interest in making presentations again in 2022.
  - **ACTION ITEM** – Staff to create list of cities and bring list of general dates and times of meetings next month
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- Public health update – summary given, vaccination rates outlined, free test kits, free masks available. Governor Inslee expected to announce timeline for mask mandates.
- Other - County Council meeting postponed and will be rescheduled.
- Nice article about the Clark-Cowlitz Fire and Rescue CARES program in The Reflector.

7. Upcoming meetings/topics:

- March 16, 2022 – Rescheduled joint meeting with County Council
- April 20, 2022 – 2022 Innovation through Connection Focus Kick-off: Survey results and service provider roundtable

8. Adjournment: the work session adjourned at 4:15pm

*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 the place of their choosing.*