

# AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION WORKGROUP MINUTES



Date: 01/21/2021

Time: 1:00 pm

Facilitators: Kim Henry and Lucky Sohi

## In Attendance

Terri Hansen

Scott Ripley

Mae Beale

Lucky Sohi

Kim Henry

Debbie Burgio

Kelly Kesler

Stuart Rosenthal

Kathleen Krintz – Recording Secretary

## Minutes Approved

First: Stuart Rosenthal

Second: Scott Ripley

## Announcements:

During this meeting we will be going over each of the four goals and action items associated with them. Will be discussing one goal at a time to decide if these are the action items we want to go forward with. Will need at least two people assigned to finalize each goal and fine tune action items after this meeting and populate each action items with a rationale. Go back through minutes, surveys and any research you did to form rationales.

## New Business:

Rationale is the why. Why are we recommending this action item? Summarize in the rationale how we got to the reason behind the why. Provide one rationale summary (not bullet points) for each action item. The summary can be as short or as long as it needs to be to explain.

The group worked on each goal and recommendation while Terri Hansen made changes/additions in real-time for all to see.

- Once this information is entered on the final recommendation document, we will need to identify the time-frame, priorities and the entities that you recommend to be involved in this. Be as specific as possible as to who will be responsible for implementing the recommendations.
- Was suggested that it is important to communicate by topic of interests.
- LHIC shares so much from other organizations in general and can bring people together.
- For Goal 1 trying to create new sources for information and also expand on what is already out there. Goal 2 is about partnerships. Goal 3 is about the digital footprint of Howard County and how to make that better. Goal 4 addresses Ageism as a whole.
- For the ambassador program, other workgroups have a slightly different idea about what the program should look like.

- Talked about the Citizens Academy (this one was from Florida) which recruits volunteers from the community to be part of a Government program. Expose the volunteers to different organizations within that Government and provide training.
- For the ambassador program have it be more of an application process.
- The ambassador program for this workgroup is most like the Work and Civic Engagement and Social Participation workgroups version. Possibly get with the co-chairs to discuss.
- Respect and Social Isolation is working with the Chamber of Commerce to create an Age-Friendly Small Business designation for business owners to become Age-Friendly.
- Would need justification as to why it is important to have Wi-Fi in public spaces.
- If creating apps for County Government they will have to be developed and managed by DTCS.
- Rework the voucher program at next meeting or save it for the next go around with Age-Friendly.
- Come up with a guideline or roadmap for people who need training for technology skills. This concept needs more information about what currently exists. Check with Respect and Social Inclusion since they are also working on this.

Goal 1 – Kim, Stuart and Debbie

Goal 2 – Kelly and Jim

Goal 3 – Lucky and Scott

Goal 4 – Jill, Mae and Jim

### Homework Assignments:

Work on updating goals, action items and draft rationales as assigned. Feel free to provide input for other goals as well.

**Next Meeting:** February 18, 2021 – 1:00 to 2:30 pm