

Elder Services Advisory Board
April 5, 2012

Present: Rene Gratz, Alex Hill, Lynn Sager, Judy Spencer, Niki Skinner, Melinda Vernon
Staff/Others: Elizabeth Price, Senior Resource Center Coordinator, Sue Kelley, Facilitator Shorewood Connects, Jamie Berg, Northshore Health Department Officer, Andrew Alden, resident

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Minutes of March 1, 2012

Ms. Sager moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Skinner and approved 5-0.

3. Continued discussion of volunteer home modification consultation program

Mr. Alden reported on the first Home Sweet Home Assessment. He is changing the assessment tool to include yes/no responses and a place for notes to better review suggestions with resident at the end of the assessment. Additionally, he suggested written materials from police and fire department will be helpful. The Northshore Fire Department has donated 9-volt batteries to be placed in smoke detectors and will install a smoke detector in homes that do not have one when contacted. Safety materials and a medical information sheet will also be provided for our program.

4. Continued discussion of the *Village* concept

The Village concept is at a crossroads according to Ms. Kelley. Issues related to ongoing sustainability of Villages throughout the U.S. resulted in a new focus for the Milwaukee project. Interfaith will develop a business plan to create a village program under their umbrella where participants will pool financial resources in order to access services when they are needed.

5. Update on Shorewood Connects Initiatives

The 4200 block of Ardmore won this year's contest and will be featured in the next *Shorewood Today*. The committee decided to create a rule where a block can apply one time every seven years.

Households and volunteers are being recruited for the April 21 yard clean up day which will have fewer older adult households and fewer volunteers. Ms. Skinner, Ms. Spencer and Ms. Sager volunteered to help with the morning breakfast.

The Elder friendly workgroup is reviewing assessment tools from other elder friendly business programs. Ms. Sager noted that one of the two senior citizen friendly parking spots at Pick and Save has been removed.

The Neighborhood Mediation workgroup found an existing mediation group, Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) that will mediate neighbor to neighbor issues for \$50. Exploration of a Shorewood subsidized program through WCS is being explored.

Good neighbor practices are being shared in the Village Manager's memo in an effort to help alleviate conflicts.

6. Community Development Authority Senior Housing Initiatives

No new issues were discussed.

7. Senior Resource Center Coordinator Report

The SRC Wellness event attracted new people to the center and was a positive event. The demonstrations were a nice feature. Comments for improvement next year included: get t-shirts or a banner to help identify the SRC group at events and flyer distributions, identify the target age group 50+ on the flyer and indicate “over” on the flyer to direct people to the other side and issue press releases to church’s for their bulletins.

Ms. Price reported on the American Society on Aging Conference in Washington D.C. where she attended programs on fall prevention, caregiver supports in the community and is interested in developing a Carfit program in Shorewood to enhance the ability of older drivers stay safely behind the wheel.

A tour to Green Lake sold out in record time. ESAB agreed that increasing the nonresident fee is advisable.

8. Other business as authorized by law

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Price, Senior Resource Center Coordinator