

Elder Services Advisory Board
April 1, 2021

Present: Sue Bronson, Katie Gnau, Katy Rollins, Al Roth, Paul Stenzel

Staff/Others: Elizabeth Price, Senior Resource Center Coordinator, Vashti Lozier, Shorewood Connects
Facilitator

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Minutes of March 4, 2021.

Mr. Roth moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2021. Ms. Gnau seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

3. Chairperson Report

Ms. Bronson Reminded everyone that in-person absentee voting is taking place through April 2 and the spring election is April 6. An article on Shared Housing from the Stanford innovation review was shared with Ms. Price and Ms. Ross this week.

4. Age-Friendly Community Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Stenzel has not connected with Anjum Alden of the Shorewood Community and Care Network recently and will do so and report back next month

Ms. Gnau indicated that the Ped & Bike Safety Committee has not met and has been unable to reach a quorum. Members discussed concerns about the merger with the Park Commission and how that will affect pedestrian issues. Members agreed that ESAB may need to take a larger role in advocacy for pedestrians. Mr. Roth suggested including street names engraved into curbs at crosswalks to facilitate way-finding and cited San Jose California as an example. He will share photos with our group. Ms. Price indicated that the planned reconstruction of Oakland Avenue may be a good time to advocate for inclusion of engraved street names at intersections. Ms. Gnau will explore opportunities to participate in planning through BID.

5. Shorewood Connects Initiatives Updates

Ms. Lozier and Ms. Price met with the Greendale Age-Friendly group to discuss areas of collaboration. Grant opportunities and a potential project to reach out to people with dementia who are living alone are being explored.

A representative from AARP, Amber Miller met with Ms. Lozier and Ms. Price to review the Age-Friendly plan. COVID-19 has altered goals and Ms. Lozier is in the process of updating the plan. Ms. Bronson asked that Ms. Lozier considers role of ESAB in the update.

Members discussed perceptions of improved snow removal in the Business District (BID) this winter and Ms. Bronson agreed to write a letter of thanks to BID, Department of Public Works and the High School Random Acts of Kindness group.

Ms. Lozier concluded her report by sharing a heartwarming video of Irish Dancers and a fiddler traveling to seven homes of persons with dementia for a private performance for them and their families.

6. SRC Coordinator Report

In-person absentee voting, COVID-19 vaccinations and Tuesday/Thursday Tax help have created crowding issues in the lower level Village Center. The Historical Society has generously allowed tax aide volunteers to utilize their room which has helped traffic flow.

The SRC spring newsletter went out this week and staff is getting lots of calls and visits. Several callers have been referred to the SRC Friday technology coordinator, Leila Maani who is willing to go into homes for a fee to offer technology support.

A Milwaukee resident with Lewy Body dementia has been twice found in Shorewood. He is unable to provide his name, does not remember where he lives and does not carry identification. Fortunately, police, SRC and library staff now have all his information and are able to get him home with little trouble. Ms. Price has been in touch with his daughter to offer information and referral.

7. Other business as authorized by law

No other business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Gnau moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stenzel seconded the motion. It carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Price, Senior Resource Center Coordinator