

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

April 5th, 2024 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

Join by Zoom: <https://washtenawcounty.zoom.us/j/83980272102>

Meeting ID: 839 8027 2102 Phone: 1-312-626-6799

County Site: <https://www.washtenaw.org/3402/Commission-on-Aging>

AGENDA

I. Call to Order 9:01am

II. Roll Call

Present: Ballard, Larson, Gress, Reynolds, Thompson, Green, Herzig, Astrein, Heckendorn, McKinney, Cooper, Foreman, Somerville

Public: 2

III. Public Participation – none

IV. Approval of Minutes – March 1st, 2024

Moved: McKinney Supported: Reynolds Passed: 9:03am

V. Discussion Items

a. Parks and Recreation

- i. Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation
Commission: Comprehensive master plan
- ii. <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/9e2d3e15/w6EVfqu6ME6HWqfXbMU2iQ?u=https://www.washtenaw.org/2860/Comprehensive-Master-Plan>
- iii. County parks benefits from participation and they need input from the community. Demonstration of online maps to make suggestions and comments.
- iv. Tail end of initial engagement (since Nov 2023 – focus groups and stakeholders)
 1. Statistically valid survey (closed)
 - a. Awaiting prelim report
 2. Social pinpoint website and online survey which will be up through Memorial Day. Interactive map which lists every park and persevere as well to make specific comments.
- v. Discussion of intergenerational needs, along with targeting the older adult population is needed.
- vi. Reasons for master plan as 5 years, is required by state to receive the funding, which also help manage federal funding.

b. Subcommittee Updates

- i. **Communications** – Larson, Heckendorn, Green, Cooper

None

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- ii. **Potential Millage** – Gress, Herzig, McKinney, Ballard, Cooper, Astrien
- iii. **Moving Forward/Future Planning** – Gress, McKinney, Ballard, Foreman, Astrien

Combined: Astrein: recommendation to merge the 2 moving forward. Pros and cons of stories not just data. Try to work more closely intergenerationally. Potential for future generations to advocate for themselves for once they reach those ages. Work to move ahead to meet and educate commissioners. Need a road map and wonderful information to build on, need board ideas and structures to result in aging focus for the county to be proud of to grow up and grow old in the best way.

- iv. **Townhall** – McKinney, Heckendorn, Reynolds, Thompson

Flyer has been completed. Received good feedback. Working on sponsorships and presentations. Topics to include: Sexual assault of older adults, protection on those issues. Will be providing a list of those presentations in order to share.

VI. **Report from the Board of Commissioners** ([Upcoming Meetings](#))

Somerville: Gress presented work of this Board. Say Yes to Seniors meeting was last week who will be setting tone for the 17th working session. Proposed structure for the milage to start the conversation. Public participation is great but limited to a minute, but conversation is short on time.

Thompson: Being present at the working sessions and at the meetings is important and not always the same faces show up. Encouraging everyone to be present in ways that they are able and willing is helpful.

VII. **Report from the Chair**

Presentation to the board was recorded from last year's report.

Link to Marie's BOC presentation, starts at 22:24: https://link.edgepilot.com/s/f00c164a/pFhjVGgb_Esvbu-YCcikpA?u=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIWgMPp9VxY

Encouraged to watch. April 17th is the working session for senior millage at 5:30. Save comments for the 3 minutes for the Full board working session at 7pm. May 1st, OMD. SEMICOG 3 meetings specifically on Senior Issues. April 18th on seniors and housing, May 23rd is seniors and transportation.

VIII. **New Business**

a. **Presentation schedule discussion**

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Gress: to send out a survey and officers will schedule and move things around

There was a discussion about moving forward as a group and getting things completed as a body. Discussion revolved around working with Board of Commissioners seat counterpart and making a personal connection with them. Hall recommended reaching out to her to get time on Board of Commissioners' calendars. Discussion of potential recommendation for a Grant writer position at the county level.

Thompson: Would like to suggest to put on the agenda a discussion about a county grants officer which would help with the sustainability and financial resources.

Gress: request for Foreman to put together some information for passing along the information.

Somerville: Encourages attendance on April 17th to get a gauge on where counterparts on the Board are coming from. They are awaiting Ann Arbor Community Foundation report for more information to move forward.

IX. [Setting Next Meeting](#)

May 3rd, 2024

X. [Adjournment](#)

Moved: Thompson. Supported: Reynolds

Adjourned: 10:57am

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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLR9rFHLfXEKHiQa3DQzHLSmdjlc00Jtb>

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