

AGE-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION WORKGROUP MINUTES



Date: May 12, 2020

Time: 03:00 PM

Facilitators: Brad Closs and Bruce Gartner

In Attendance

Brad Closs	Bruce Gartner
Kim Sherman	Terri Hansen
Marian Vessels	Nancy Riley
Bruce Fulton	Paul Verchinski

Minutes Approved

Minutes accepted

Announcements:

Some Questions that came up since our last meeting.

- Age-Friendly Definition – Friendly to all ages
- Transportation approach in various parts of the County – Three pronged approach – Fixed, Higher Density and Low Density.

New Business:

Bruce Gartner gave an update on the Vulnerable Population Index and further explained it, showing a map of where persons noted as “vulnerable” live in the county.

Bruce Fulton gave presentation on Neighbor Ride

- Paul was curious of 2 things. What do you need to keep Neighbor Ride going?
 1. Number of volunteers has been stable for 5 years
 2. People do fall off every year
- Bruce Fulton stated that the biggest recruiting is through word of mouth. The volunteer retention is a good fit and many tend to stick around.
- Terri asked about the diversity of the clients—Bruce explained that information was not collected in the past. Did not start collecting until 2018. We are currently serving all races and ethnicities. The cross-cultural experience helps with the retention.
- Paul stated that the Village of Howard provides their own transportation and feels could do a much better job using Neighbor Ride’s system.
- Marian asked if there is a potential of adding wheelchair access with Neighbor Ride. Bruce discussed the new Community Connector service (cooperative with WinterGrowth) This wheelchair van service is open to a small number of people as a pilot project.
- Paul stated was intrigued with the direction of Neighbor Ride. That maybe something to get the Horizon Foundation to help with.

- Terri talked about the report that was sent out that Charles Smith had prepared. Focus was, especially on the older adults and how previous studies addressed the issues related to the 8 domains of livability.
- Paul stated that Charles has done a fantastic job. Two big issues are affordable housing and transportation. Plans have been done well but lack implementation. Where we go from here will be interesting.
- Terri stated that transportation is one of the top three concerns in several of the studies. We are not a huge county therefore we do not have large scale transportation system. Transportation ideas were scattered about. So where is the focus, where do we go from here? How does all this fit in with your vision, in terms of the recommendations and putting into action.
- Terri asked are there elements that we want to address to the action plan?
- Bruce F stated for the purpose of this group we need to look at it from a software basis.
- Marian stated that people get information through the internet. The future will be online/digital. Ideas offered:
 - Maximizing the resources
 - Educate about the different means of transportation that the county currently has. educate and determine potential outlets for getting from point A to point
 - help people to be more effective in self navigation
 - offer courses for safe driving.
 - Identify what is the high frequency for transportation? Try and optimize those

Homework Assignments:

Review list of potential speakers, please submit back to Bruce or Brad 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. By May 19th.

Look at the report and any questions, suggestions bring up at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

June 9, 2020 – 3:00 PM (will be a WebEx invitation will be sent before the meeting).