

Work Session Notes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Marian Anderson, Ali Caley, Chuck Green, Amy Gross, Marjorie Ledell, Temple Lentz, Linda O’Leary, Donna Roberge, Larry Smith

Absent:

Staff: Jacqui Kamp, Jenna Kay,

1. July 17 COA Work Session Notes

No revisions were made. Work session notes were approved.

2. Debrief of July 17 Meeting – Tom Wilson, AARP Driver Safety

Major findings/takeaways:

- Liked self-evaluation, a copy could be included in the annual report – p. 4 of 7/17/18 meeting notes
- Liked “the talk” information - p. 5 of 7/17/18 meeting notes
- Liked the cost of car ownership information – p. 4 of 7/17/18 meeting notes
 - **ACTION ITEM: interest in seeing more figures related to the costs of auto ownership. Staff to look into.**
- Could potentially weigh in on signs and lettering standards – p. 7 of 7/17/18 meeting notes

3. Updates

- Healthy Communities topics - the revised draft reflects last meeting’s suggestions
- City liaisons (city meeting times) –
 - Commission members signed up to be liaisons with cities in the county
 1. Battle Ground - Linda
 2. Camas - Donna
 3. La Center - Amy
 4. Ridgefield - Chuck
 5. Vancouver – Larry and Marian
 6. Washougal – Marjorie and Ali
 7. Yacolt – County staff
 - Commission members discussed that a city liaison means being in contact periodically in a productive way. It doesn’t mean you need to attend every city council meeting.



- Webpage: bios and photos - Commission member bios have been posted to the CoA website. A group photo will be taken today between the work session and regular meeting.
- WIC at Farmers Markets – as follow-up to a question that came up in the July work session, staff provided information regarding WIC and SNAP benefits available at farmers markets in the county.
- July 23 Council Chair quarterly meeting – The county council chair and CoA chair meet quarterly to check-in. Marjorie and Temple attended the last meeting. Councilor Boldt raised interest in having CoA review policy and planning items that might impact seniors. He also mentioned the former ADA Advisory Board and the possibility of resurrecting it in some fashion.
- July 24 Vancouver Planning Commission - Staff gave the annual report presentation to the Vancouver Planning Commission. They liked CoA's recommendations and were interested in even more specific targets or actions they could pursue. They raised the topic of seniors and homelessness. They asked about the smaller assisted living facilities and barriers to building them. New commission members were interested in finding out the status of ADUs in the city. City of Vancouver planning staff will be following up to provide an update to the Planning Commission. There was also interest in discussing barriers to single-story housing development and encouraging economic opportunities for seniors. One commission member mentioned having samples (blueprints) of universal home designs could be helpful for builders.
- Staff met with Matt Ransom and Lynda David of RTC to keep them posted on the CoA's transportation work this year.

4. Preparation for September 18 Speaker, Community design for walkable communities, Gary Pagenstecher, City of Tigard

- Want to hear what the City of Tigard has done, how it came about, how it is going, any lessons learned, etc.
- How do you incentivize people to do something else other than drive sometimes?
- Is there retrofitting happening in Tigard, or is only new development impacted by the new plan?
- Would like to learn more about the Tigard Triangle planning work and turning the area into a walkable mixed-use community.
- How is Tigard encouraging walking in hilly areas?
- Tigard is next to King City, how is Tigard's walkability work connected to King City?
- What has Tigard done that might work in Clark County?

5. Transportation summit committee update

- Chuck reported out from the summit subcommittee meeting
- The subcommittee is considering a theme of transportation transition for the aging population, with two parts. Part 1: when to give up driving, and, part 2: when you no longer drive, how do you get around?
- Feedback from commission members:
 - Part 1 may not need as much time. Could we spend more time on part 2?
 - If COA members have more feedback, or want to get involved, get in touch with Jacqui.
- Venue proposal: Clark Water Resources Center.
- Next steps:
 - **ACTION ITEM: Staff will move forward to reserve the Clark Water Resources Center.**

- **ACTION ITEM:** Chuck will reach out to LSW to find out if the ryd could be a shuttle option to the event.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The subcommittee will generate a list of needs/where others can help.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to schedule next subcommittee meeting.

6. **Manufactured housing and mobile home code update, Laurie Lebowsky, Community Planning**

- Laurie gave a brief presentation on the proposed changes to the manufactured housing and mobile home code for unincorporated Clark County.
- State legislation
 - State law states that counties may not regulate manufactured homes differently than other types of homes.
 - Counties can regulate with regard to safety and habitability of manufactured homes.
 - It provides updated definitions of mobile home (built prior to 1976) and manufactured home (after 1976) which complies with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's definitions.
 - The state law still allows subdivisions to have covenants, codes, and restrictions prohibiting manufactured homes.
- Title 40 code changes – what's changing?
 - Create separate definitions of mobile homes and manufactured housing that comply with state and federal law.
 - Expand definition of single-family detached dwelling to include manufactured and modular homes.
 - Repeal 40.260.130 Manufactured homes on individual lots
 - Allow recreational vehicles in Manufactured home parks if they obtain an L&I permit.
 - Allow modular homes for temporary health hardship homes.
- Discussion:
 - The proposed code changes would make it easier for manufactured housing to be built in the county
 - The commission discussed if there was interest in submitting a letter to the county council regarding the proposal.
 - Marian expressed concerns if manufactured housing is the type of housing CoA wants to advocate for. For instance, it can be hard to get around some of the homes. She has also seen a lot of challenges with medical hardship mobile homes and not being inhabited by those with medical hardships.
 - Chuck liked that the revisions provide more options for snowbirds
 - Marian also expressed concerns about putting manufactured homes on SF lots with additional development codes.
 - Chuck thinks the requirement of development codes is a good thing, but yes, the county also needs a way to address mobile homes that are in bad shape.
 - Donna sees both sides and could support a letter from the commission if the group's concerns are also included in the letter.
 - Chuck could also support incorporation of the raised concerns about safety and accessibility. He will plan to raise this topic as new agenda item during the regular meeting.

7. **Other Discussion:** the following topics came up during the meeting.

- Larry mentioned that Portland is experimenting with electric bikes, scooters, and tri-wheels. Ty Stober raised this with Vancouver City Council and the City plans to start looking into it.
- Donna shared a comment regarding a friend who was fined for slightly parking in a bicycle lane.
- Donna also mentioned the Battle Ground program called Connect, that is trying to partner adults and kids. Larry will look into it in regards to his project of better connecting older adults with schools, and in relation to suicide and isolation issues.
- The commission has previously heard that mobile and manufactured homes will be an increasingly popular option for seniors.
 - Marian has seen issues in county with bad health conditions in mobile homes related to electrical, health, etc.
 - One challenge related to mobile and manufactured homes is being able to afford moving them. It is expensive to move or dispose of these homes.
- Larry was talking to a 99 year-old friend who said he will drive until someone tells him he can't. He emphasized it's not about age, but about physical fitness.
- Amy plans to attend the Public Health Advisory Committee meeting today because there is a healthy communities topic on the agenda.
- **ACTION ITEM: Chuck will follow-up with Linda at Community Roots, to clarify that if she can share new information with CoA, that will give the group something more specific to respond to.**

8. Next Meeting

September 18, 2018 at 3:30pm.

9. Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

The Clark County Commission on Aging provides leadership in community engagement and advocacy of Clark County's Aging Readiness Plan, especially for those 60 and over who plan to age in place.