

Minutes  
**Senior Services | Aging in Place Task Force**  
**Community Engagement and Inclusion Working Group**  
**February 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Community Engagement and Inclusion Working Group roll call:

Present: Sarah Kindinger, Chair; Howard Collens, Vice Chair Ellen Kehoe;Carolynn Moore; Christina Clarke; Sandy Irwin; Deb Soverinsky; Kim Johnson; Tom Allen

Absent: None

Others Present: Peter Young, City Manager Fellow

Tom Allen was not at the previous meeting.

**3. Review minutes from previous meeting**

Move to approve previous meeting minutes with revisions

Motion: Sarah

Aye: All

Nay: None

Amend statement so it specifies volunteer work.

Amended statement will read:

Consider cooperating with other communities for employment opportunities. Boston gave \$1000 off their taxes for a reduction of taxes for volunteer work.

Add the goals from the previous meeting.

Fix misspelled names including Westborn market and Sandy Irwin.

**4. Review & finalize envision statements**

Rough vision statement is presented for group discussion.

Below is a discussion summary:

Add key words:

Intergenerational

affordable

accessible

available in neighborhoods

valued for continued contributions

inclusion

social infrastructure designed bring all together

## WE ENVISION

... a Royal Oak that has a social infrastructure offers which social activities, civic engagement, volunteer opportunities and employment that will be:

- accessible
  - inclusive
  - honor the contributions of all ages
  - intergenerational
  - affordable
  - that are designed to gather everyone in the community and neighborhood spaces.
- ... a Royal Oak where older residents are involved with making decisions in both public and private sectors and are regularly consulted by elected officials.
- A Royal Oak that offers intergenerational, affordable and neighborhood friendly opportunities.
  - Establish a social infrastructure strategy and tools for the community that accepts ALL Ideas.
  - Create programs that are intergenerational, affordable, and available in neighborhoods.
  - Identify ways to value seniors' contributions to senior residents. The activities and assistance that are available.

The group discussion about the Boston Plan for inspiration.

It is okay to have two vision statements

The vision statement will made available to the group by 5pm tomorrow.

### 5. Review domain data

The work group discusses community engagement and inclusion survey data.

Today's meeting goal is to take some of the data and related it to our three domains.

We need to discuss what already doing in the community. Are there any experts that we need to talk to?

- Director of the Parks and Recreation Department
- Director of the senior center
- Royal oak Senior Essential Services (ROSES)—Dorothy LaSure
- Clawson Senior Center Manager
- NEXT Birmingham senior social group
- Kim Johnson Interclub Council
- The goal is to find out what we're doing around our community
- Pastors association
- Star Presbyterian
- Royal Oak Library Director, Sandy Irwin

- Senior living center management representative (Barton Towers, ect)
- Commission for the Arts representative (Susan Barkman)

The group discussed ideas and concerns about the domain data:

- We should include senior housing residents when we present the plan.
- Tom needs a link to the housing group. Can Susan send him a link?
- The group discusses civic engagement and the challenges the city faces when informing seniors about programs.
- Howard suggests that the city could create a civic engagement pass like the school district's sports pass which allows seniors go to events for free.
- Sarah sets a one week deadline for any more expert speaker suggestions.
- Include a link to AARP Livable Communities in the work group email.
- Create a google doc to pull out data points. Must make it public.

**6. Compile list of external group presentations**

No list of external group presentation.

**7. Next meeting format**

Next meeting date changed to Thurs February, 24 at 6:30p.m. on Zoom.

**8. Public input**

No public comment.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Motion by: Sandy

Second: Sarah

Aye: All

Nay: None

Passes Unanimously