

Minutes
Senior Services | Aging in Place Task Force Meeting
Outdoor Spaces and Buildings Working Group
February 9, 2022 at 4:30 PM

1. **Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm.

2. **Roll call**

Present: Margret Mahoney, John Mahoney, Judy Eppert, Russel Wright, John Fedele, Sue Wells, Adriene Breznau, Stephen Johnson.

Susan Barkman

3. **Minutes from prior meeting**

Table them for the next meeting.

Sue Wells to send out the agendas and minutes for the group regularly.

Susan to send out data information and agenda center information.

4. **Secretary to do minutes**

Susan to continue helping the minutes.

5. **Review resources and we envision statement**

We envision statement

What goes into open spaces, and buildings?

Commercial, rental housing, sidewalks, crosswalks

Snow removal is a challenge for seniors – less opportunities for seniors in the winter due to snow not being cleared. This especially in true outside of downtown and city property.

Based on the conversation the following values emerged as important to the group.

Values: Safe, senior friendly in the winter, accessible walkways, available for all ages, equitable,

Final We envision statement:

A Royal Oak where residents of all ages, but especially seniors, can safely and equitably access and move through outdoor spaces, and public buildings and spaces.

All present supported this as a vision statement

Parking lot:

Code update for snow removal (Susan to research this effort in the past.)

6. **ADA presentation and City projects**

Will have this presentation next meeting.

7. **Review data**

What stuck out to members?

-limited safety in parking garages, no push buttons on upper floors.

-lighting around public spaces

- lack of bus stops with benches. More benches in parks

Parking structures

-women don't feel safe especially at night.

-not close enough to the building where they are going.

Want more native plants in parks – no invasive species in parks.

-Information is hard to find.

Street lighting makes it hard to see

Cross walks – not enough mid-block crossings in some areas,

Traffic enforcement – lots of distracted driving resulting in near misses.

Potential Speakers

-police to talk about how they look at pedestrian issues

- sign update, engineering mid-block crossing

- long term plans to upgrades

-lighting outages

-Smart bus stop ownership

ADA codes- Stephen

Jason – building code and snow removal

Environmental sustainability – native plants

8. Other items

No other items or public comment for this meeting.

9. Next meeting: 2/23/22

10. Adjournment