

Saint Paul ACOA Minutes
November 18, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Skype Meeting

Attendees: Paige Sumera, Chuck Lentz, Su Yeager, Dawn Selle, David Cheesebrow, Tom Eckstein, Julia Wolfe, Alex Dumke.

Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS AND UPDATES

1. Welcome. Chair Sumera started meeting, committee welcome and introductions.
2. Check-In
 - a. Committee member check in and updates.
 - b. Julie Wolfe provided an update on Ramsey County Age Friendly Initiative.
3. City Updates – Alex Dumke provided city updates.
 - a. PCIARC Youth Townhall. December 10, 2020 beginning at 4:30 PM on Microsoft Teams
 - b. Mayor’s Community First Public Safety Commission – evaluating 911/emergency response. 40 members, recommendations due 5/2021.

TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

1. Emergency Preparedness Kits - Su and Dawn provided an update on emergency preparedness kits project.
 - a. Emergency Preparedness Kits were funded, collected, and distributed for local seniors and elders. Kits include fire extinguishers, flashlights, headlamps, sanitizer, other items. 40 kits put together. Partnered with SPFD Firefighters United, distributed at Hallie Q Brown. Great success and handed out all kits in an hour. SPFD also handed out smoke/co2 alarms. Need to identify a funding source to continue distributing kits.
 - b. Alex to follow up with Dawn about update/messaging.
2. Ramsey County Food Security and Basic Needs COVID Response
 - a. Chair Sumera provided an update from the 11/9/20 presentation she attended.
 - i. Discussion – who knows if there will be CARES funding. If not, what role county would have without CARES funding. Over 100 individuals attended.
 - b. COVID testing moving to state fair grounds this Saturday. Continued until end of year. Appointments encouraged.

3. City Website and Seniors Webpage – Alex Dumke provided an update on migrated new city website. Presented and shared what the current ACOA webpage looks like on the new city website.
 - a. ACOA discussed possible updates to ACOA page:
 - i. Discussed current [Existing ACOA/Seniors webpage](#)
 - ii. ACOA members can send content suggestions to Chair Sumera or Alex Dumke. Content should be relevant, current, and static.
 - iii. Alex Dumke to bring migrated ACOA current by end of 2020. New content to be added in January 2021.
 - iv. Members discussed renaming website, vanity URL.
 1. Alex Dumke to follow up with city OTC.
 - v. Members discussed naming conventions specifically, Senior or elder.
 1. ACOA page to be identified as a Seniors Resource Page and to include internet search tag terms like elders.
 2. Potential ACOA webpage updates will still need to reference ACOA as the governing authority.
 - vi. Members discussed the interaction with disability community – ways to link to seniors with disability.
 1. Webpage to include link to Mayor’s Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.
 - vii. Content – subcommittee to review content. Review content from other jurisdictions.

Next ACOA Meeting: December 16, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Please feel free to invite people to attend meetings. They are open to the public and we encourage input. Interested people can apply to be a member, but it is not necessary for attendance.