

**Saint Paul ACOA Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2020**  
**9:00 am - 10:30 am**  
**Skype Meeting**

- Meeting called to order at 9:00.
- Welcome
- Alex Dumke provided city Updates
  - Overview of new HREEO Strategic Plan
    - Strategic Plan includes department Values
      - Trust and Accountability; Community Inclusion; Openness; and Continuous Improvement.
    - Specific to city committees, strategic plan seeks to:
      - Clearly define roles/responsibilities of staff members and commissioners; and
      - Collaborate with Mayor's office to develop consistent framework for commission/committee recruitment and appointment.
  - Mayor Carter has extended executive orders requiring masks be worn at all city-controlled property and all city-licensed businesses. Executive Order 2020-10 includes a set of business license measures that support restaurants and bars in maximizing their ability to leverage surrounding spaces for outdoor patio seating as allowed by the Stay Safe MN plan.
    - Gov Walz also extended stay on evictions.
  - Absentee Voting Townhall recap.
  - Budget presentation, Thursday 11:00 a.m.
    - For more information about the City of Saint Paul's budget, visit Open Budget Saint Paul online at [budget.stpaul.gov](http://budget.stpaul.gov).
  - Virtual meetings to continue via Skype. Other option is Microsoft Teams.
  - Recruitment – encourage individuals to attend ACOA meetings. The meetings are open to the public and ACOA votes on a limited number of items where membership would be an issue.
- ACOA Membership changes
  - Karen Vento announced that she was stepping down from ACOA.
  - Mary Routhieaux is stepping down from co-chair; will serve the remainder of term.
  - Members to considering voting on another co-chair at September meeting.
- ACOA Member check-in/updates
  - Members discussed whether senior transportation and housing still need to be readdressed as ACOA goals.
    - Relooking at housing and shared spaces

- Member Dawn Selle discussed her efforts around food distribution, youth, and community elders at the Hallie Q Brown Center during the pandemic. Men's elder group going to start meeting in the park, under tents. Partnering with United Way and Door Dash on food delivery. Encouraged members to reach out to her if they hear of food insecurity needs.
- Member Susan Maki discussed missing meeting in person and connections. Discussed relooking at everything in the context of how the world is changed.
- Member Sue Yeager discussed sense of frustration about how to connect and reach out and help seniors.
- Karen Vento discussed the resource organization Jewish Family Service's Pearls program. Connects people and allows people to talk with others. Discussion of how to connect grass roots, community-based organizations.
- Alex to send Sue information about Neighbors Helping Neighbors.
- General discussion topics from all members including seniors and loneliness; food Insecurity; Churches working together for food; Eviction moratorium.
- Meeting adjourned 10:10 a.m.
- Next ACOA meeting September 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. via Skype.
  - Skype invitation to follow. Skype meeting information will also be posted on ACOA webpage.