



Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board

Minutes June 8, 2021 2:30 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Josey Bathke, Lorraine Bowans, Tracey Achenbach, Michelle Buhman, Scott Hawes, Lynette Jacoby, Stacia Rath, Doreen Nott, Bob Welsh

Members Excused: Victoria Steelman, Scott McLeod

Members Absent: Carla Phelps

Staff Present: Jeff Kellbach

1) Welcome & Introductions – Bathke started the meeting at 4pm.

Guests: Anne Russett and Ashley Monroe

2) Public Comments – Comments on items not on the agenda – no comments

3) Discussion with Iowa City Planning and Zoning staff and Commission Members

-Jeff Kellbach provided summary and history of JCLC and its committees

-What does a livable community for successful aging mean to you?

Ashley Monroe: look at IC projects from the angle of equity; thinking about how IC designs things to increase inclusiveness for various populations; hope to engage more people; IC has talked through traffic safety & visibility and walking audits; universal approach to equity is the direction the city is taking

Anne Russett: thinking of the collective nature of our community; designing cities that are great for everyone; diversity of housing types; interconnected network of safe streets with multiple options for how you get around; access to safe spaces; keeping these ideas in mind as we develop IC city code

Ashley Monroe: IC strategic plan refers to neighborhoods and the idea of smaller segments/local portions of the community being “walkable” such as smaller commercial ventures tucked into residential areas;

Josey: discussed how city officials work with landowners/developers before plans get to P&Z

Ashley Monroe: focus is about how to engage communities and getting that feedback; the best way to reach people & get public participation; includes translating materials into different languages; signage instead of just web/online materials, focus groups

-What one or two actions do you think could be taken by someone (individual, government, business, etc.) to make Johnson County a more livable community for successful aging?

Ashley Monroe: finding a way for a trusted entity to connect with populations that we are “missing” input from to gather information from them; how often are we talking to those groups about aging issues? Are we translating materials? Is there some way we can amplify that effort? Get additional insight from these communities that we/city doesn’t frequently hear from.

Anne Russett: putting together an outreach/engagement plan about who we engage & how; with best practices.

Ashley Monroe: a specific element in IC climate action plan is adapting to climate and extreme weather; work with the county on the emergency preparedness for this; develop resiliency for our populations with the most mobility limitations

-has IC considered requiring all new houses to be accessible?

Anne Russett: city did look at; we want to make sure developers can develop zero entry homes; not currently required

-has IC considered an area of tiny housing?

Anne Russett: Have not received any inquires on this recently.

Anne Russett: With the new code, we are trying to get away with minimum lot size requirements and have maximums instead; so trying to get smaller lots to increase diversity in housing stock.

-Affordable housing – is there any conversation occurring around manufactured home parks such as Saddlebrook?

Anne Russett: Forrest view development includes homes like at Saddlebrook with very small lots.

Anne Russett: Affordable housing taskforce that the city has convened.

4) Approval of Minutes from Meetings of February 10, 2021 and April 13, 2021.

Feb 10 min – motion by Welsh; Bowans second;

April 13 min – motion by Nott; Bowans second;

5) Update from Aging Specialist – Kellbach

a) Website – still in progress

b) Senior Farmers Market – distribution started; great response already

c) Aging in place forum – 6/9

6) Finances – Jacoby

a) Financial Update – no expenditures since Feb; outstanding expense for advertising tomorrow's forum; remaining balance of \$6,690; won't be expending funds for transfer of the service directory this Fiscal Year and will be requesting that it carries over to next Fiscal Year.

7) COVID

a) Share Johnson County Public Health Site- <https://coronavirus-johnsoncounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

8) Strategic Plan

a) Debrief guests that attended today's meeting:

i. Lynette: Now is the time to be creative for American Rescue Plan Act funding: IC and JC are soliciting ideas!

9) Reports from Action Teams and Committees

1) Caregivers – event coming up June 22nd

2) Communications Committee – get newsletter draft out this week; working on AARP age friendly designation application in process

3) Falls Prevention – considering working with the state to do falls prevention webinars

4) Housing – continue in-home care options; august virtual tour of home; September at home exercises; reverse mortgages October

5) Transportation- Not Currently Meeting- No chair

10) Adjournment