

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Southeast Seattle Senior Center
4655 S. Holly St., Seattle

Members Present –Brenda Charles-Edwards, Benjamin Abe, Tricia Diamond; Ina Howell, Paul Mitchell; Mattie Taplin, Cynthia Winters

Excused –Rev. Janice Davis; Dr. Brenda Jackson, Claudette Thomas

ADS Staff – Cathy Knight, ADS Director; Brent Butler, Manager–Age Friendly Seattle; Karen Winston, Planner/MCAAE Liaison

- I. **ADS Director's Report** –Cathy Knight provided the following ADS updates:
- There will be no ADS Advisory Council meeting in October. Instead, there are two events that members will be attending. October 23 is the Statewide Advisory Council on Aging Conference, and October 24 is the Senior Lobby Conference. Both will be held at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. Cynthia and Dr. Jackson are registered to attend on the 23rd.
 - Every four years, Area Agencies on Aging around the country develop a four-year Area Plan that charts their course in promoting quality of life, independence, and choice for older people and adults with disabilities. On October 4, ADS submitted its [final draft Area Plan 2020–2023 for Seattle and King County](#) to the State Council on Aging for review.
 - Collaborative Funding Process – ADS piloted a new Collaborative Funding Process for investments in the community that focus on equity and better service distribution to populations experiencing the greatest disparities. This process was piloted in the Community Living Connections network. The new process was long and arduous, and the network was challenged by the limited amount of funding available. Currently, there are 14 existing agencies and eight new ones that qualified to provide network services.
 - Fifteen Senior Centers were funded through the Veterans, Seniors, Human Services Levy, including: Central Area Senior Center and Southeast Seattle Senior Center. For more information, go to bit.ly/31BNiv0.
- II. **Age Friendly Seattle Update**
- Brent summarized the Age Friendly Seattle Action Plan 2018-2021. He started with an overview of the Age Friendly domains, and the goals/actions within each:
 1. Housing (4 goals; 13 actions)
 2. Transportation (5 goals; 17 actions)
 3. Outdoor Spaces & Buildings (2 goals; 4 actions)
 4. Social Participation (2 goals; 5 actions)
 5. Respect & Social Inclusion (4 goals; 8 actions)
 6. Civic Participation & Employment (3 goals; 10 actions)
 7. Community & Health Services (5 goals; 16 actions)
 8. Communication & Information (4 goals; 13 actions)

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- There is an Age Friendly Coalition for Seattle & King County that supports this work and consists of four subcommittees: The NW Universal Design Council; Housing Committee; Transportation & Public Spaces Committee; and the Outreach & Communications Committee.
- Brent discussed how the MCAAE 2018-2019 priorities connect with goals in the Age Friendly Action Plan.

MCAAE Priorities	Age Friendly Action Plan	Outcomes/Status
1. Develop extremely low-income (30% AMI) housing in Seattle's Central District.	Same as Age Friendly Action 2.1b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africatown: 30% AMI - No • Liberty Bank: 30% AMI - Yes • Public Square: 30% AMI - No • Mount Zion: 30% AMI - Yes
2. Develop preference policies for neighborhoods impacted by gentrification.	Implements Age Friendly Goal 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmative Marketing required/applied • 30% AMI – Yes • 87% Residents are people of color
3. Property tax relief for older homeowners in Seattle & King County.	Same as Age Friendly Action 2.2a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of the 2019 State Legislative session, income limits will now be indexed at 65% of the median household income beginning in 2020.
4. Increase investments to improve service delivery for older African Americans in south Seattle & King County.	Aligns with Age Friendly Goal 7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritized during the 2019 collaborative funding process • \$1.5 million awarded to support an innovative African Diaspora Senior Center Hub.

- 2020 MCAAE Priorities – Brent asked if some recommendations should be carried-over to address in 2020, such as Priority #1, and also identified other advocacy items members may want to pursue, such as:
 - Implementation of the Levy Oversight Board member recommendations (See meeting summary from July 2019).
 - Reach out to the Design Review Board for the Central District re potential collaborations.
 - Partner with the Anti-Stigma Working Group to address the increase HIV/AIDS cases among foreign born Blacks (Age Friendly Action 7.1)
- These and other potential advocacy items will be discussed at the 2020 MCAAE annual retreat in January.

III. African American Elders Program (AAEP)

- Cynthia read an email from AAEP program manager, Margaret Boddie, regarding the program's need for a Registered Nurse to support frail elderly clients.
- In the email, Margaret discussed how the program continually receives referrals for elders that are so frail and disconnected from the medical system. Having a nurse would save lives! A nurse would also be able to assist with planning care for these individuals. She encouraged the MCAAE to advocate for policy that includes frail Black elders.
- Members agreed to table this discussion for the January 2020 MCAAE retreat.

V. Retreat Planning for 2020

- The retreat is set for Friday, January 17, 2020, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. Location TBD.
- Dr. Abe would like to address HIV/AIDS and working more closely with the African community.
- Brent invited member to attend an HDS African Decent Caucus, on Friday, October 25, to discuss possible collaborations. He will email an invite. Claudette and Dr. Abe agreed to represent the MCAAE.

VI. Elections

- Brenda and Cynthia were unanimously re-elected to serve as Chair and Vice Chair for 2020.

VII. MCAAE Holiday Meet-N-Greet

- Members agreed to change the date for the Holiday Meet-N-Greet to Friday, December 6, instead of December 20.
- Karen is still working to determine a venue.

VIII. City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Annual Reception

- The Boards and Commissions reception is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Bertha Landes Room.
- RSVPs – Cynthia, Dr. Abe, Trisha, and Paul.
- Karen will email a reminder.

IX. November Meeting Cancelled

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be the Holiday Meet-N-Greet, scheduled for Friday, December 6. Stay tuned for more information!