

Age-Friendly Community Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023
5:30 p.m.

- I. Attendees: Leroy Walker, Frank Pippin, Sally Gagnon, Diane Vincent, Dana Morrell, Tina Eugley, Bill Eugley, Cindy Larrabee, Ben Weisner, Bob Cavanagh and Special Guest: Jonathan LaBonte
- II. Leroy opened the meeting with the review of the July meeting minutes. Motion by Dana Morrell to accept. Second by Diane Vincent. All in favor.
- III. Jonathan LaBonte, Transportation Systems Director, spoke about building the local transportation infrastructure. They are working on street improvements and will rebuild roads and improve walkability. There are currently two AARP grants: one for the Auburn Municipal Beach – not funded and one for walking areas. They plan to do three walking audits and are looking for safe and unsafe issues.
 - A. Area 1 – Downtown Auburn, Roak Block and Esplanade to YMCA, etc.
 - B. Area 2 – Near Dennison and Turner Streets
 - C. Area 3 – East Auburn – Community area. They are looking to build pickle ball courts and to identify areas where walkability can be improved.

Some federal grants have been approved already, with over a million dollars secured so far. Any members of Age-Friendly who would be interested, may join in the planning. It would require 1 ½ to 3 hours for the walks. Maps will be available. Volunteers: Frank Pippin, Dana Morrell, Tina and Bill Eugley, Leroy and Jan. The project is projected to be completed in 2028, with yellow flashing lights for crossing streets, raised crosswalks and speed tables, safe streets and road for all. Another grant will be have to be applied for. Discussion ensued about streets, safety and speeding issues.
- IV. Balloon Festival – Ben and Dana might like to work on the Balloon Festival. They need to contact Jan to set up a time. Parking will be a problem. Handicap parking will be at FX Marcotte Furniture. Discussion ensued about parking and how to get into the area. Volunteers were asked to please wear their Age-Friendly T-shirts while working at the booth.
- V. Clothing Give-Away – Items can be brought in on the first and third Wednesdays. We will be accepting clean, new or gently used clothing for all ages, bedding, blankets, shoes, boots, etc. Cindy reported that there are some Blessing Bags ready for the Clothing Give-Away.
- VI. Potato Give-Away – Leroy need to check with Bell's to see if 5 lb bags will be given out at the Clothing Give-Away. He needs to find out if they will be available and the cost.
- VII. Frank announced that there will be a bean supper for Veterans and homeless on a Saturday (to be announced.)
- VIII. Open Session – Time for meetings will remain at 5:30 for the time being.
- IX. Call Jan if you want to change your time for the Balloon Festival.
- X. Adjournment on a motion by Frank Pippin, Second by Bob Cavanagh, at 6:30 p.m.
- XI. Next meeting: September 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Biron, as recorded by Cindy Larrabee (Thank you, Cindy!)