

**Governing Council Meeting Notes Via Zoom
July 6, 2020**

Present: Larry Brown, Kathy Brown, Karen McCune, Janet Cruz, Carol Moynes, Rae Coleman, Mike Conner, Ramona Crocker, Vickie Sander, Barbara Bernstein

Guests: Mary Jane Erickson, Kathe Fradkin, Martha McJacobs

Recognitions:

- Sharon Zeigler for contributing 9 additional masks for our members and volunteers.
- Kathe Fradkin and the membership action team for work on Village Partner program
- Rae Coleman and Kathe Fradkin for adaptability in planning Aging with Grace

Status of Open AR's: None

GUEST from the Beaverton Committee on Aging:

We welcomed Martha McJacobs, the current chair of the BCOA (Beaverton Committee on Aging) to share with us what the BCOA does and to explore how BCOA and Viva Village might collaborate to promote issues that affect the senior population of Beaverton.

Ms. McJacobs has been on the BCOA for a year, and became chair in January 2020. The stated purpose of the BCOA is “to discover and examine the issues and concerns of the aging population in the city of Beaverton and offer representation, information and education regarding these issues.”

The BCOA has worked with the Beaverton Downtown Associate to help make the sidewalks more walkable in the downtown business area of Beaverton. The committee has also looked at the impact that loneliness has on seniors and explored ways to alleviate isolation.

The committee has not been active since March of this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Carley Adams is the BCOA's liaison with the city. City Council member Marc San Soucie attends periodic meetings as a representative from the Beaverton City Council. Each of the city committees is invited once annually to attend a City Council meeting.

There is a wide age range of the 12 members of the BCOA, all of whom serve a 3-year term. The committee identifies issues through its members who have worked with

nursing homes, are Viva Village volunteers, and the others on the committee, all with an interest in seniors, as well as through guest speakers from other committees.

Ms. McJacobs said that the BCOA would like to work collaboratively with Viva Village so as not to duplicate efforts. We can engage with the BCOA by attending their meeting periodically. If there is a specific issue, it is possible to ask Carley to include it on their agenda. Also it was suggested to make sure we have communication between our two groups.

OTHER TOPICS:

Aging with Grace Committee report

Rae reported on the intention of the Aging with Grace team to move forward with 2 Saturday online presentations this fall. Each session will be about 1½ hours. The team has developed strategies to address the challenges that a Zoom presentation might present. The Governing Council will be asked to consider allowing volunteers to go into member homes to help people connect to the needed technology. The team is also working on best ways to provide attendees with the vendor information.

Volunteer Survey Results

There was a short discussion on the results of the volunteer survey. It was decided to have an intermediate Governing Council meeting after the member survey closes to discuss plans for going forward—volunteer services, events, and activities. Larry offered to pull together a list of suggested services.

Kathy will compile the data from the member survey, and if possible, separate the responses of members from the responses of member/volunteers.

Governing Council Transition

It was proposed to schedule an online Annual Member Meeting on Saturday, August 8. The two main agenda items are 1) to provide a “State of the Village” presentation and 2) to have the members vote to confirm the election of new GC members, Vickie and Ramona.

Needed will be the statistics for the State of the Village, a PowerPoint for presenting them, a tutorial on how to vote using the Zoom platform, and a plan to accommodate proxy votes.

Northwest Community Network

Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente’s Thrive Local initiative, this is an online database of local nonprofits and other groups that might offer services to one another. Each

organization can decide to allow two-way referrals, or to only refer out (and not receive referrals).

At this time we do not have the necessary volunteer to designate as the NW Community Network lead. However, we are interested in this program. When we're ready we would start with referrals for our members, and then progress to two-way referrals.

Tai Chi classes via Zoom

A friend of Viva Village who attended the recent Mens' Coffee Break has offered to give Zoom Tai Chi classes to Viva Village, something he has done frequently in other venues. We will follow up with him for more information.

Future topic:

What are the advantages of working more closely with BCOA?