**Age Friendly Community Planning Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

**1:15 – 2:45pm**

**At the CBAL office (#107 421 9th Ave N)**

**Agenda**

Attendees:

Monica De, Mickey Balas, Leslie Adams, Ruth Kowalski, Susan Halvorson, Ron Oszust, Mel Myers, Chris Hambruch, Joy Orr, Ryan Watmough, Connie Barlow.

Chair: Monica De

Minutes: Ryan Watmough

1. Updates on items from last meeting
   1. Melanie Myers – Elder Abuse Grant unsuccessful; greater need for AFC coordinator
      1. Letter of Intent was not approved; rationale for their decision was vague
      2. Council to Reduce Elder Abuse (CREA)
      3. Wondering if our community can just get the content and run the workshop through Victim Services (or other group – we are not picky) Ruth and Mel will work together on this.
   2. Update from Chris and/or Connie - officially recognizing Golden as an Age Friendly Community
      1. Resolution passed (unanimously) through Town Council
      2. Need clarity on which organization needs to make the formal application
      3. Which ever organization that needs to do it, will proceed with the application to be officially recognized. Connie will look into this.
   3. Update on Community Development Coordinator position?
2. Ron explained that there are a few pieces related to the proposed position being pulled together (Ryan W has been tasked with pulling together)
3. Rather than Coordinator, Ryan and Ron suggested thinking in terms of “Coordination” function
   1. Update on CBT Community Initiative Program grant application
      * Submitted grant application on Feb 10 for Age Friendly Community Coordinator position – review goals, timeline and budget
      * Need to present a proposal on Wed March 4, 6-9pm at Civic Centre and respond to questions from the panel and public
4. Ruth, Susan, Mickey & Monica (and anyone else interested) will be presenting on Wednesday March 4 and will meet on March 2, 11am at the CBAL office to prepare.
5. Review Action Plan

* Ensure each goal has a timeline, notes on people involved, requirements and indicators of success
* Discuss updates on any of the goals.

1. “Prioritize maintenance and clearing sidewalks and pathways year-round to enable safe passage” – Joy Orr will aim to have this action item completed 1 year from now.
2. “Smart Phone – education and awareness;” wait for a Coordinator.
3. Ron asked if we should reprioritize the AF Committee’s priorities based on new input (letter received; and new members).
4. Dr. Kate McCarroll sent Ron a message about improving senior care in Golden, specifically in regards to transportation (bus), renovations to Durand Manor and improvements in volunteerism and community engagement at Durand. She was not able to make today’s meeting but will be invited to the next meeting.
5. Mickey noted the segment of the senior population she polled that wants change. They would like to see a senior’s advocate, who is an older adult, in the community. They are also interested in a couples apartment.
6. Ron asked, “Does coordination fit with advocacy?”
7. No time to prioritize the action plan, but we all agree that hiring an age friendly committee coordinator is high on the list.
8. Other business
9. Next meeting
10. Thursday April 2nd, 1:15pm, MLA Office.

Post meeting comments:

1. Ryan mentioned afterwards that MCFD is available to help organizations run more efficiently and cost effectively. They are currently helping Interior Health. They may be able to help with this group? Helena from Golden Family Centre is our contact in Golden. Jennifer Erickson is the Executive Director involved from MCFD.