Newport 60+ Activity Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
March 27, 2017

Members Present:	City Reps Present:	Working Guests:
Debra Rittenhour	Peggy O'Callaghan	Kathy Kuebbing
Richard McKinney	Laura Swanson	John Baker
Mike Rickus	Jim Protiva	
Barb Le Boss		
Ann Way		
Donna Fogerty		

Special Guests:
Carmel & Ray Snyder (AARP)
Derrick Tokos (Newport Planning director)
Gloria Tucker (Newport News Times Reporter)

Peggy called meeting to order and introduced Carmel Snyder, Derrick Tokos and Gloria Tucker.

Mike Rickus kicked off the discussion of Age Friendly Communities.

Carmel then gave a presentation and handed out pamphlets on AARP's Age Friendly Community. The Age Friendly Community was started by the World Health Organization. There have been 150 cities engaged in Age Friendly Communities since 2012.

Carmel says the steps to becoming an Age Friendly Community are to apply, write letter, obtain City Council approval and make resolution. We should create/customize surveys for Newport. Survey should encompass several committees to include seniors, business, health, and education.
Listening stations were suggested for survey at city hall, festivals and school events. AARP have tools to assist and one city resource can help us partner with a university to help calculate data and create the analytics from surveys. There are 8 modules and we could use all 8 or not. Some also add Disaster Recovery/Emergency Preparedness as a module. Then we would create an action plan with guide and metric's. We would review every 5 years.

AARP has an Age Friendly Community Conference in Salem on September 22, 2017.

The Newport 60+ agreed the AARP Age Friendly Community needs to be doable, Agreeable and worthy for our community.

Laura suggested a staff member present 60+ program updates on current issues, on-going projects and concerns to city council on an annual basis.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting will **Monday April 24, 2017 at 2:30pm** inviting Friends of Newport Senior Activities Center, Newport Association and Newport Advisory Board.

The following are minutes of the working group meeting on March 20, 2017, with the following in attendance:

Debra Rittenhour	Peggy O'Callaghan	Vada Robertson
Richard McKinney	Laura Swanson	Kathy Kuebbing
Mike Rickus	Jim Protiva	John Baker
Barb Le Boss		

We began by discussing the City Council meeting which included 60+ Advisory Board and guest speaker Carmel Snyder who gave a presentation about AARP Age Friendly Communities.

We live in Newport which we believe is a progressive town and what could AARP bring, maybe common goals but thinking AARP Age Friendly Communities and 2040 Vision should be channeled through City Council and all Advisory Committee members not just the 60+ Committee.

AARP would provide the process of Age Friendly Communities for free, the cost would be for staff and volunteers. We think they should work with the city, not just 60+ committee. Urban Renewal in Newport could benefit from this program by further refining 2040 vision with Age Friendly Communities.

We discussed creating a 60+ survey and sending it out to our address listing, senior facilities and other locations. Richard McKinney, John Baker and Bryn McCornack have volunteered to start working on the survey.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting was **Monday March 27, 2017 at 2:30pm** with special guests Carmel Snyder with AARP, Derrick Tokos City Planning, Gloria Tucker Newport Times reporter, Friends of Newport Senior Activities Center, Newport Association and Newport Advisory Board.