

SAGE Coalition Meeting

Friday, June 17 , 2016

1-3pm

The Disability Network
3600 S. Dort Hwy, Suite 54
Flint, MI 48507

- **Present:** Kate Stevens (GCHD), Kelli Stokes (GCHD), Adrienne Howe (Disability Network), Vanessa Ferguson (FRCA), Sara Duncan (CFF), Phalen Greene (CFF), Adam Moore (City of Flint), Ali Harris (CFF), Theresa Roach (CFF), JaQuita Welch (KGCB), Holly Shaker (KGCB), Tom Wyatt (Kettering University/University Avenue Corridor Coalition), Esther Nicols (National Kidney Foundation of Michigan), Jack Minore (FFRT)

- **Iron Belle Trail Update (Guest: Nancy Krupiarz, MTGA)**

Krupiarz was unable to attend, however Minore and Moore informed the group that the trail will be built to the near the Genesee County border and will extend to CSX trail (Grand Traverse Greenway has yet to be purchased), Kearsley St in downtown Flint (at Riverbank Park), then onto Flint river trail and north to Blue Bell Beach.

- **Committee Reports**

- Advocacy & Events
 - Legislative Town Hall: We have yet to hear back on the availability of Legislators. The next Advocacy/Event committee meeting will be 10am on Tuesday, June 21 at the Good Beans Cafe.
 - Advocacy Training: Proposing end of September at Brownell Holmes for members of the public to learn how to advocate for Safe Routes to School (programming); leadership (empowerment); and park use/safety.
 - Friday Fun Rides: implementing once a month on the same day as SAGE meetings starting at Tenacity Brewing at 6:30pm.
- Policy Updates: the committee will be focusing on the Complete Streets Policy and Vulnerable Roadway Users Act. In light of the tragic bicycle accidents in Kalamazoo and recent rise in ped/bike incidents in Genesee County, members believe it is a critical time to push for these policies and will continue to explore ways to do so.
- Communications Updates: Roach is currently sending out monthly newsletters (instead of bi-weekly).
- Sustainability & Membership Updates: Roach recently applied for a Community Foundation of Greater Flint to support Advocacy Training event (yet to be announced)." In the beginning of July, Roach will meet with Crim's Development Director to discuss continued funding for SAGE. Roach, Harris, and Surface have applied for an AmeriCorps LISC member to assist with SAGE initiatives. If there are other groups that SAGE members should be connecting with, reach out to troach@crim.org.
 - Surface applied for Neighborhood Inventory grants through the City of Flint. Walking Audits will be conducted on Monday, 1pm to 3pm at Freeman Elementary School. SAGE will be awarded \$1,500 for the competition of the walking audits.

- **Recognition Letters**

- Wyatt informed the group that My Brother's Keeper recently purchased a large snow brush and salt to maintain University Avenue Corridor Coalition and will be picking up litter/debris on days with high winds.
- Kettering University maintaining GVT during winter with off-road Bobcat.
- University of MI-Flint will be putting a golf cart along the FRT to increase safety.

- **Success/Announcements**

- Moore informed the group that some Capitol Improvements (ex: sidewalk infrastructure) is currently put on hold until more assessment is done as to where lead/gas pipelines need to be updated.
- Duncan informed the group of the summer running clubs. It is a training club for kids who meet 1-2 days a week (they pick location). They meet with coaches. Parents are allowed to participate, but not required. The running club is for ages 4 and older. For more information, visit <http://crim.org/programs/youth/summer-clubs/>.
- Flint Community Education Sports is open. Sessions are available all summer for multiple sports. Registration is available at www.flintcommunityed.org
- Summer yoga will be available for the Flint Cultural Center, UM-Flint's Willson Park, as well as Mindfulness in the Genesee County Parks.
- GCHD continuing to participate in water crisis meetings and educate people on lead exposure.
- Ferguson informed the group of the 3rd annual Flint River Floatilla will be on Saturday, August 6 at 1pm. Participants will meet at Mott Park and be transported to Tenacity Brewing where the float will begin. The float will end at Mott Park. She also announced that the Flint Bike Share Program will be launching this summer. The Mott Lake bike share program will launch the week of July 11 for Genesee County Parks.
- Keep Genesee County Beautiful clean-ups will take place in the summer (check FB page for KGCB).
- Welch announced several health fairs and will email us with additional information.
- Moore informed the group that the major construction is done at River Bank Park. The design work for the future of River Bank and Flint River Restoration Project is happening now. Partnership between Cit of Flint, Gen County, and properties adjoining Flint River park has been extended to 5 years (some parks are excluded). In conjunction with KGCP, CoF is drafting Capitol Improvements plans. They will be available for public review in mid-June.
- Nicols informed the group that the Enhanced Fitness Program is free exercise programs designed for 18+. She also informed the group that the Unity Walk will be 11am to 3pm on Saturday, June 18 at the House of Prayer. Local residents who support the community or may have been affected by violence are welcome to attend. Food, vendors, live entertainers will be available.
- Howe informed members that the DDA Celebration will take place 12pm on July 22 at Powers HS. Speakers TBA. Accessible bikes, hotdogs, and games will be available.
- Wyatt informed members that on June 30 "Stevenson Neighborhood" will have a block party (grassy area between Atwood near University Ave), 6pm to 8pm. In addition:
 - Upcoming food-truck event (details TBA).
 - Two block parties at Sunset Village apartment (details TBA).

- August 27 Mott Park will have Porch Fest at 6pm in Mott Park. Homes will have a makers space, food, or food trucks and Mott Park will offer recreational fun (in accordance with the Park Master Plan, ex: temp set-up of disc golf)
 - Kettering has been contacted by LGBT in Detroit to do a pro-bono CPTED assessment of a large building and has opened the assessment opportunity to other members in the community (those who may or may not have attended the training) in July. Details will be finalized soon.
 - KU receives work-study money for community service projects. They are currently trying to connect with organizations for students to do community-service projects (orgs may or may not be responsible for \$3.50/hr)
 - KU will be doing Little Giants movie on June 24 in Atwood.
 - Factory next to Tenacity Brewing has been purchased by Uptown Reinvestment to create a maker's space. A community visioning session will likely take place soon.
 - Welch informed members that KGCB can come to other organization's events to help sign residents up for recycling events.
 - Minore informed the group of the Spring newsletter handouts for the Friends of Flint River Trail. He said the Iron Belle Trail has large chunks completed (northern part of the lower peninsula will be part of the Iron Belle Trail). Gen County has the first signage of the Iron Belle Trail.
 - Roach informed the group of that the Huckleberry Hustle and Little Berry Dash will take place on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30pm at the Crossroads Village. To register or view more information, visit www.crim.org.
- **NEXT SAGE MEETING: Pavilion #1 at Max Brandon Park (use 400 Pasadena as address) will be the SAGE location in July and For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum in August.**