



Mission: The AIP mission is to provide advocacy for changes in Eliot's physical, economic, and social environment that enable Eliot residents, especially older residents, to live in their homes for as long as possible and that foster the creation of services and programs geared to keeping all residents active and engaged in the community.

AGING IN PLACE COMMITTEE

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING 06-09-2021 (virtual meeting)

Present: Ellen Ceppetelli, Nedra Sahr, Katherine Holmes, Gail Licciardello, Ann Lukegord

Absent: Michele Meyer, Melissa Layman, Melissa Albert

Guests: Town of Eliot online technician

Meeting called to order at: 2:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Ellen Ceppetelli.

The purpose of this special meeting was three-fold as outlined by Ellen: 1) make a decision about AIP doing anything with the Library during its Community Market; 2) plan for the fall by deciding if AIP will be involved with the Eliot Festival Days, the Bicentennial Committee, or Jeff Brubaker and his efforts on Eliot's walkability and bike-ability; and 3) discuss the issue of planting around the benches given the sandy, plant-unfriendly terrain at the Boat Basin.

Gail presented on the third item – viability of planting around the benches. As the Boat Basin is all sand, planting perennials around the benches will be challenging and require a lot of upkeep. Gail will gather more information and report back to the committee during the regular June 17 meeting.

There was discussion about Jeff Brubaker and his efforts on improving Eliot's walkability and bike-ability.

Discussion turned to plans to collaborate with the Library, specifically initial plans for June 27th. Discussion focused on AIP's purpose in talking to people there. While having AIP's presence at a local event would be good, it would be best if AIP had something specific to promote, as was the case in asking for volunteers to help with putting in the benches. It was decided to not do anything with the Library and its Community Market during the month of June.

Members discussed what AIP's purpose or goal would be in having a booth at the Eliot Festival Days on Friday, September 25. Ann suggested a writing contest where students could write an essay or poem about the importance of a bench to people and the community. The contest could be promoted at AIP's Eliot Festival Days booth and the winners could be announced at the Boat Basin in an event around Halloween, thereby also celebrating the Boat Basin benches. Gail said that the Community Services Department has an annual Halloween event at the Boat Basin. All agreed AIP

could investigate partnering with them to announce the winners. Gail added that opening such a writing contest to everyone of all ages is what AIP is all about. All agreed. Ann will draft a short write-up about the proposed writing contest to use as a springboard for gathering ideas, needs, and to-do lists.

Gail asked about the status of securing of the benches. Ellen said as Melissa L was not at the meeting the update would have to wait until the monthly regular meeting on June 17.

With all items addressed, the special meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lukejord