

Notes from 'Mendota Heights for a Lifetime' meeting, Aug. 28, 2013

*Great presentation by John Mazzitello, Public Works Dir., on Hwy 110/Dodd intersection improvements

Some comments, ideas from group discussion (What projects would you like to see move forward to make MH a CFL?)

- Distribute info. (DARTS directories) through churches and other groups
- Is there an Ombudsman for older adults?
- Services to age in place: CUB offers delivery
- No Community/Senior Center in MH; no obvious place to go in MH for info. related to older adult issues (What about through Community Edu. in the schools?)

Priority issues for the group to work on:

1. Distribute information/Communications

- A. Have an article/column/section of MH newsletter about aging, older adult issues, communities for a lifetime, etc. [See below]
- B. Have a page on the MH website dedicated to resources, info. for older adults and their caregivers [Proposed this to the City]
- C. Distribute DARTS resource directory in the community (churches, groups)
- D. Create a "Reference Center for older adults," a kiosk of information: explore types of kiosks (find examples/pictures); place kiosk at city hall, at rotating businesses? Related idea: use empty commercial space for displaying info./issues

2. Transportation

- A. Education about what is available and how it works
- B. How to connect people to existing transportation hubs (light rail, buses on Robert, MOA)?

3. Explore possibility of securing funds for a bench on the new Dodd intersection island

- A. John Mazzitello, city engineer, will help with process; make request to the city

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B. MH group could approach businesses in the Village shopping area for funds (Pastor Enterprises)

Name of the group?

-We need a name for this group; send ideas to Jess or Colleen

-For ex., MH CFL Workgroup; MH Aging Advisory Group?

Other Items

-Shared Homes for a Lifetime flier, DVDs (6 copies), with people; collect surveys after watching DVD

Next meeting: Thu., Oct. 24rd at 630pm at MH city hall