



Legislation Text

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TO: Members of the Housing & Redevelopment Authority

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Age-Friendly Northfield Presentation

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The HRA to review and consider Age-Friendly Northfield's presentation while working through the strategic planning process.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Northfield joined the World Health Organization and AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities in 2016. The Age-Friendly Northfield's (AFN) Action Plan is the product of several years' work to better understand and empower older adults and ensure that Northfield residents can live well as they age.

ANALYSIS:

Joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, is considered by many, an organic fit as Northfield has received many accolades as a destination retirement community. The AFN Action Plan reflects many voices in the Northfield community after a robust engagement process and careful analysis. Numerous stakeholders including residents, city staff, professionals in the field of aging, community leaders and my others contributed their input and insights to the process in order to help identify Northfield's unique needs and gaps. Four broad issues- or domains - emerged as those in need of the most urgent attention: Housing, Health & Wellness, Community Information, and Outdoor Spaces & Buildings. AFN to present on Housing issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends HRA considers AFN's presentation while working through the strategic planning process.