Building an Aging Friendly Community
Scribe Notes
Civic/Cultural Activities

1. Who’s Here?
   Personal Interest – 10 people
   Agency/organization – 12 people

2. What do we mean by civic/cultural – recreational, concerts, sports, theater, dance, visual arts, agenda based activities of the community, religious activities, museums, libraries, affordability, accessibility. Not social issues like poverty, lack of health coverage, etc. We are talking about our community – not national or state.

Current State:
- significant opportunities exist
- accessibility problems – lighting, sound, physical - handrails, parking, carpet
- individual resistance – feel they can’t or too much effort
- need better communication of what is possible/available
- performing arts audience is aging
- park district does not accommodate
- merchants don’t accommodate
- need more for 55+
- inadequate communication stream – best method?
- need to educate older population on what is available
- may want to go but don’t have transportation; transport is sometimes offered and no one uses it
- need better coordination between targeted services
- CIAA has ADRC – Aging & Disabilities Resource Center which is a central resource for all agencies offering services

3. Desired State:
- one central information source
- greater recognition of the diversity of abilities of 55+
- funding for those who can’t afford activities or events
- better utilization of what is available such as through the high schools
- better use of community spaces
4. Recommendations/Goals
   regional vision and focus – rural communities are left out
civic and cultural development part of economic development agenda
credible one source for information
create network of resources
phone – centralized “hotline” number like time and temp used to be
weekly newspaper
#5 online
better use of public buildings