
MEMO



TO: **City Council**

FROM: Stephanie Hillesheim, Community Dev. Specialist

SUBJECT: **AARP Age Friendly City**

DATE: **September 1, 2020**

BACKGROUND:

The City of Princeton has been working in guidance from Jay Hapaala from AARP, along with Julie Schoen to begin the process of becoming an Age Friendly City.

Governor Walz proclaimed the State of MN as an age-friendly state. Stating an Age Friendly Minnesota is: A statewide policy to promote healthy aging requires engaging with older adults as contributors to the social, economic and civic fabric of our communities, encouraging physical and psychological health and well-being.

ANALYSIS:

AARP focuses on projects that allow people to age in place and provide inclusive opportunities for aging adults to maintain healthy and connected lifestyles.

Julie Schoen and her committee of volunteers who currently represent ACT on Alzheimer's are dedicated to using their experience to lead Princeton through the process.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff requests the Council's approval to permit staff to move forward with Resolution 20-48 to declare the City of Princeton as an Age Friendly City.