

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date: November 4, 2024

Action Required: None

Presenter: Sue Friedman and Kris Miller; Co-Chairs of CAA Steering Committee

Staff Contacts: Misty Graves, Director of Human Services

Title: Charlottesville Area Alliance Annual Report

Background

The Charlottesville Area Alliance (CAA) is a regional organization whose primary purpose is to provide leadership and development for an age-friendly community through education, advocacy, engagement, planning and evaluation. The City of Charlottesville is a charter member of the CAA. Partnering member organizations create an age-friendly community by developing a common understanding of the needs and issues, developing policy recommendations, and joining together to encourage implementation by government, nonprofit organizations, the public and businesses. The Charlottesville Area Alliance (CAA) is a coalition made up of non-profits, government agencies, housing, and health care institutions that aim to lead the advancement of an age-friendly community in the Thomas Jefferson Area continuum of care. An age-friendly community is defined as one that, "enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age. It is a place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected to people that are important to them," (World Health Organization). Additionally, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Livable Community domains of an age-friendly community guides the principles and work of CAA.

Discussion

Over the last nine years, the City of Charlottesville has designated staff to serve on the Steering Committee for the CAA. The presentation will include an overview of the 2023 Annual Report which includes a summary of 2022 and a preview of the work ongoing in 2024. The CAA Co-Chairs welcome questions and feedback to provide an opportunity for input by the public and Council.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Council's vision to be a place where everyone thrives includes aging residents to whom the City of Charlottesville serves. The work of the Charlottesville Area Alliance is aligned with the strategic outcome area: Partnerships.

Community Engagement

The CAA maintains a partner agency roster of over 40 non-profits, businesses, and agencies dedicated to collaborative efforts to improve the livability of our region. These partners meet bi-monthly.

Budgetary Impact

N/A

Recommendation

Staff recommends continued support of the CAA via City representation on the Steering Committee and Partner Network.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

1. CAA AARP Livability Domains