

Senior Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 17, 2016
2:30 pm, CA Headquarters Boardroom

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

Members/Liaisons Present:

Michelle Miller, Sharonlee Vogel (Chair), Patty Dugan, Mary McGraw, Roger Chang, Katharyn Sunderman, John Eberhard, Jean Salkeld, Bernice Kish, Paul Verchinski, Rusty Toler, George Laniado, Jeannie DeCry (Office on Aging and Independence), Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes. Arleen Tate

Excused:

Introduction of Guests: Pam Simonson, Executive Director of Volunteer Center Serving Howard County Maryland.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2016 meeting Minutes with the following corrections to name spellings: Laniado, Katharyn and Salkeld.

New Business: Pam Simonson with the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, a program of the Columbia Association, gave a presentation about volunteering. At the end of Pam's presentation, she announced State of Maryland (2015) statistics about volunteering: Maryland had 1.3 million volunteers, providing 153.8 million hours of service with an estimated value of service at \$3.9 billion dollars.

Chair's Report: Howard Hughes Corp has been making presentation "A Vision for the Future" around Columbia. As we know HHC is the successor to the Rouse Company, HHC being a spin off of General Growth. The TIF, Tax Increment Financing, was approved by the County Council last week. The TIF will be funded by bonds. Repayment of the bonds will come from the tax money coming from the new area. If there should be a shortfall of the funds to repay the bonds, ***HHC is obligated to make up that difference.*** **There will be no taxpayer money used for the TIF.** Money from the TIF will be used to provide public improvement construction, roadways wrapping around and joining Hickory Ridge Drive. The parking structure is included in the funding.

There will be \$204 million for a number of amenities including an art center (that will include Howard County Arts Council, performing venues, Toby's) and affordable housing for artists, a school, a new library, a fire station, a transit center, and transportation improvements. The taxes generated from the new development will pay for the debt service on the bonds and the public facilities. \$20 million is already earmarked for the arts.

The net fiscal impact to the county will be very large. In the next 30-40 years, there will be significant increase into the county's general fund. The new development will create approximately 19,500 jobs. There will be 6 million square feet of office space, full spectrum housing and a vibrant, walkable downtown. New public infrastructure and amenities will be created.

HHC will deliver 900 units of affordable housing in downtown. Six sites were determined for the housing. The downtown area then will have mixed use in these six areas.

Symphony Overlook and the lakefront are two more areas to be built out. At the lakefront HHC is considering condos. Most of the other properties will be rental units. But the development of the lakefront is in future plans. At some point, the American City Building will be razed and replaced with a residential building and parking. The estimated time frame will be in 2019 for shovels in ground.

Old Business: [None]

Liaison Reports:

Michelle Miller – Columbia Association: CA is hosting its “Buy-a-Brick” program in honor of Columbia’s 50th Birthday Celebration. To buy a brick in the “designated 50th Birthday area” will cost \$100 and \$75 for a brick in another area. Events for Columbia’s 50th Birthday will begin the week of March 19, 2107 and go through September 22, 2017. The kick-off event will take place on Sunday, March 19, 2017, from 1 to 5 pm at the Columbia Mall. A few events will take place at Merriweather. Marlys East is the Program Managing Director for Columbia’s 50th Birthday. The Chrysalis is slated for a March 2017 opening. The new tennis facility will be completed by February of 2018. Renovations are taking place at the Athletic Club, Ice Rink and Swim Center.

Jeannie DeCray – Office on Aging and Independence: Jeannie is here in Courtney’s absence. The 50+ Expo was a great success and approximately 4,000 people attended. A new health/wellness program “Stepping On” will begin early February 2017. This is a

seven week session and approximately 75 participants are needed. This is a Stanford evidence based education program to help seniors decrease their risk of falls.

Mary McGraw – Village in Howard: The Village in Howard currently has 127 members. John Eberhard is planning the first overnight trip to Brandywine Valley in December 2016.

Patricia Dugan – CA’s Older Adult Coordinator: CA is partnering with Horizon Foundation to get the word out about end of life wishes. Patricia is sharing information with CA team members – Your Conversation Starter Kit. The website is user friendly.

Member Sharing:

Jean Salkeld: Is a member of the CA’s International and Multicultural Committee, and there will be a Sister City component to Columbia’s 50th Birthday event in June 2017. Jean enjoyed the 50+ Expo, and she is still using her Six-Class Pass.

Bernice Kish: Is working with Wilde Lake on an exhibit for Columbia’s 50th Birthday. The exhibit will be 50 artists from the past 50 years (1967 – 2017) whose art has been exhibited at Slayton House.

A reunion of artists all over Howard County. The exhibit will be up for one month.

Katharyn Sunderman: She is still planning to meet with the Owen Brown Village Board to talk about the lack of senior interests and activities.

Mary McGraw: Is looking forward to the senior luncheon around the holidays.

Sharonlee Vogel: Spoke about the Celebration of the Arts Gala and distributed post cards about the event. It will be held on Saturday, 3/25/2017. Sharonlee encouraged everyone to attend.

Roger Chang: Vantage House is starting renovations.

George Laniado: Many residents at Vantage House are unhappy with Howard Hughes.

John Eberhard: John is in the process of organizing a four mile hike between Howard County General Hospital and Blandair Park. The November trip to New York's Staten Island and the Statue of Liberty was a big success. John arranges these events as a low cost trip outing and to teach people how to use public transportation. The December trip will be an overnight trip to Christmas in Brandywine.

Paul Verchinski: The Volunteer Dinner at Oakland Mills was very well supported.

Rusty Toler: A friend was watching Monday Night Football last week and saw CA's ad – Yay for CA. Rusty asked for the SAC to be briefed on this campaign. Michelle will send an email explaining the campaign.

2016 Howard County Health Assessment Briefing –suggestions

- Provide results –data for Question 8.22 A- do you live on CA assessed property and Question 8.22 B- do you currently have membership in CA programs?
- Compare results for the two questions to each other –and to the overall results, especially for older adults. Compile and compare the results of q 8.22A and B for the 2012, 2014 and 2016 surveys.
- Are there notable differences in the health of persons, especially older persons, living on CA property and especially those participating in CA programs? If so what accounts for the differences?
- Compare the results of persons participating in CA programs with the results of all persons who also participate in fitness activities /use fitness facilities. Are CA programs producing equal or better results?
- How has the data been used in the previous surveys –e.g., what changes (additions or terminations) have been made to CA programs as a result of the survey?
- Were there any recommendations made by CAs Medical Advisory Board, especially as related to programs for older adults?
- What costs does CA incur in participating in the survey-contract and staff?
- What criteria are used to determine whether CA should continue to fund the survey or devote the resources/funds to other activities?
- Please provide to Shawni and include as attachment to minutes

Meeting Schedule: The next SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, 1/19/17 at CA Headquarters.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4 pm.