

Senior Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 22, 2015
2:00 PM, CA Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:15 pm.

Members/Liaisons present:

Michelle Miller, Sharonlee Vogel, Bernice Kish, Kathryn Sunderman, Jean Salkeld, Courtney Barkley, George Laniado, Paul Verchinski and Rusty Toler

Excused/Absent: Arleen Tate, John Eberhard, Roger Chang, Mary McGraw

Guests: Mary Becker and colleague Chris Mueller: Home Repair and Modification Program, Office on Aging.

Nancy McCord, Member of CA Board of Directors, Wilde Lake

Approval of Agenda: Paul Verchinski made a motion to amend the Agenda to include a discussion about the Terms of Office. Motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of minutes: The September 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.

Chair's Report: Sharonlee introduced Mary Becker from the Howard County Home Repair and Modification Program.

New Business:

- Howard County Home Repair and Modification update by Mary Becker. This program is through the Howard County Office on Aging. Some of the other programs handled through this office are: Loan Closet of Howard County and Senior Care Program. Mary introduced her colleague Chris Mueller. Chris has been working with the Village's Architectural Committees for ten years and attends various meetings throughout the year. The Howard County Home Repair and Modification program is only allowed to make minor repairs due to Risk Management.

The main categories of this program are repair, health & safety and accessibility. Some examples of the sub-categories: exterior handrails under Accessibility; grab bars under Health & Safety; and plumbing under Repair. This program helped 27 Columbia Association residents at a cost of approximately \$907.87 per person in 2015. Sometimes Rebuilding Together helps with repairs. Chris mentioned that the Loan Closet is expanding and has quite a collection of donated ramps. Metal ramps only are now installed and the Architectural committees approve of this type of ramp. For emergency requests Howard County has a quick turnaround time frame of 24 hours.

-Terms of Office: There was some discussion about the SAC terms of office and those that have expired or will expire in the coming months. The Village appointed members have to be re-appointed by the Village. The At-large members will be re-appointed by the SAC in an upcoming meeting.

- Election of Officers: Jean Salkeld made a motion on behalf of the nominating committee that the slate of officers be Sharonlee Vogel, Chair and Bernice Kish, Vice Chair. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Korean Thanksgiving wrap-up: Some SAC members who attended the Korean Thanksgiving Dinner were Michelle Miller, Paul Verchinski, Jean Salkeld, Bernice Kish, Arleen Tate, and Nancy McCord, and Courtney Barkley. Approximately 150 people in total attended and the event was held at Kahler Hall in Harper's Choice. The event was very nice, a lot of food, and cultural dance presentations..

Chair's Report continued:

In Mary McGraw's absence Sharonlee shared that the Village in Howard has 92 members currently with a goal of 100 members by the end of this year 2015. A part-time Executive Director has been hired.

Liaison Reports: Sharonlee Vogel: Attended the Maryland Commission on Aging annual training summit in September. The event was held on the Eastern Shore.

Courtney Barkley: Office on Aging:

Approximately 3500 people attended the 50+ Expo. Courtney asked if anyone had an opinion about the new \$1.00 entrance fee. Sharonlee suggested the fee be referred to as a donation. Also, if anyone has any ideas about what could be offered at the 50+ Expo please let Courtney know. Courtney is the Health & Wellness Manager. Paul suggested that technology has been missing from the Expo in prior years.

Registrations are now being accepted for the Howard County 4th Annual Caregiver Conference. This event will take place on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 8 am until 3 pm at North Laurel Community Center/9411 Whiskey Bottom Road/ Laurel, MD 20723.

Michelle Miller:

- CA is currently working on the Budget for FY17 & FY18.
- A straw-vote approved the first step in hiring on Older Adult Program Manager.
- Columbia Association is hosting an Open House at its new headquarters on Saturday, 10/24/15, from 11 am to 3 pm. Four tours will be offered throughout the day along with refreshments and give-aways.
- Best Zoning Practices for Large Planned Communities – Speaker Series – will take place

on Wednesday, 10/28/15, from 7 to 9 pm at Wilde Lake's Slayton House. Don Elliott will talk about development and change in maturing large planned communities.

Paul Verchinski brought a motion to the floor regarding CA dedicating one court as strictly a pickle ball court when the new tennis structure is built. The motion was seconded and six people voted in favor of Paul's motion. Michelle will send the motion to Milton Matthews, CA's President.

Meeting Schedule: The next SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 2 pm in CA Headquarters.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 pm.