

Senior Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 17, 2015  
2:30 PM, CA Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:35 pm.

Members/Liaisons present:

Roger Chang, , Sharonlee Vogel, Kathryn Sunderman, Jean Salkeld, Mary McGraw, George Laniado, Paul Verchinski, Courtney Barkley and Michelle Miller

Excused/Absent: Arleen Tate, John Eberhard, Rusty Toler

Guests: Beth Silverman, Investigator with Howard County Office of Consumers Affairs

Approval of Agenda: Approved as submitted

Approval of minutes: The June 2015 minutes were approved as submitted

Chair's Report: No report. Roger's last meeting as SAC Chair would have been in October. However, he will not be present on October 22, so Sharonlee will run her first meeting as SAC Chair.

New Business: Roger introduced Beth Silverman who is an Investigator with Howard County Office of Consumer Affairs. Beth gave a brief presentation to the Committee. A few highlights as follows:

- Office has been around for 21 years and is part of Citizen Services/Office on Aging.
- A small office with a staff of four.
- The office will handle anything to do with a consumer transaction (purchase or any money exchange) They also provide mediation between consumers and businesses.
- Howard County Office of Consumer Affairs will present "Don't Get Scammed" seminar at 11 am and 1 pm on the second floor of Wilde Lake High School.
- Once a month, the office sends out an e-newsletter. Beth passed around a sign-up sheet for this.
- Identity thieves mainly need a person's social security number and birth date so keep this information secret.

Liaison Reports: Michelle Miller:

- **Older Adult Plan** - Phyllis Madachy, Starr Sowers, Milton and I met to talk about setting up an Initiatives with UMBC Erickson school and ways that CA and the county can partner. The

County was going to take the lead in meeting with Erickson and they we will get back together in the fall.

Goals to partner: staff training, make staff more aware of what each of the organizations do to better answer the public's questions; health and wellness activities

- **Budget Schedule:** Board is having pre-budget work sessions on October 8 and 15, if necessary and will be meeting monthly until February.
- **50 Plus** - CA will have several tables at the Expo and is a major sponsor, which mean logo is on the bags that are handed out. Volunteers can walk throughout the crowd and speak to people about SES, and SAC.
- **Bike About:** Columbia Association's (CA) annual BikeAbout will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, with riders setting off from the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. The free, fun and informative tour presents Columbia's history and showcases the connectivity of its pathway system.
- **Art Center Empty Bowls** event - "Bowled Over" October 3, 6-9 pm. fundraiser for Grassroots. \$20/ticket. Food, and each person receives a ceramic bowl.

Office on Aging: Courtney Barkley: The 50+ Expo will take place at Wilde Lake High School on Friday, October 16, 2015. New this year at the Expo is a \$1.00 entrance fee. Columbia Association is a platinum sponsor of the 50+ Expo this year. In the Guidance Room this year will be Focus on Fitness, on site certified fitness experts. There will be eight seminars provided throughout the day starting at 11 am.

The newly expanded Ellicott City Senior Center & Fitness Center officially reopened this morning and the ribbon cutting took place at 11 am. Howard County Government's Master Plan will be online today.

Mary McGraw: The Village in Howard is doing great. Thanks to CA for the grant. A part-time Executive Director has been selected. There are 88 members as of September 2015. Village members are coming together and thinking of their own ideas for socialization. Every month Lunch Bunch at 11:30. There is a walking group on Saturdays at Lake Kittamaqundi.

Sharonlee Vogel: HC and MD Commission on Aging: No meeting last month for Maryland State Commission. Sharonlee was elected Chair of the Howard County Commission on Aging. Tonight is the last meeting about Long Reach Village Center. Howard County does not want to own this property. Request for Proposals have gone out to developers. According to prior surveys people would like to see housing and retail shops, mixed use. Sharonlee shared that Snowden Overlook has installed a pickle ball court.

Meeting Schedule: The next SAC meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2015.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 pm.