

Senior Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 15, 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, Bernice Kish, Mary McGraw, Roger Chang, George Laniano, Rusty Toler and Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes.

Excused/Absent: John Eberhard, Paul Verchinski, Arleen Tate, Kathryn Sunderman and Jean Salkeld

Introduction of Guests: Nicole Baptiste-Patterson, Program Manager, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Howard County Office on Aging and Independence

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

Approval of Minutes: The July 2016 draft minutes were not voted on due to a lack of a quorum.

New Business:

- Presentation on Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program by Program Manager, Nicole Baptiste-Patterson. The presentation was followed by question and answer session.

- Discussion of Budget Testimony issues for CA's FY18 Budget: the budget testimony was discussed and amended to include the following requests:
 1. Expand transportation options through advocacy in Howard County, Recommendation 1, A
 2. A dedicated indoor court for Pickleball, Recommendation 4, B,C
 3. Develop information program - "Aging Successfully in Columbia: What You Need to Do" Recommendation 2, F
 4. Continue to help fund the Howard County Health Survey, Page 8
 5. Work with Erickson School on updated Older Adults Survey done in 2013 done by Mason Dixon to coincide with Columbia's 50th Birthday and third year of the Older Adult plan, Recommendation 8,G

6. Request electric exterior doors openers that are ADA accessible on at all CA facilities that currently do not have them, especially Haven on the Lake, Recommendation 5, E

Chair's Report:

- MD Commission on Aging Summit: Healthy Aging. Local commissions around the state and presentations. September 22nd.
- Howard County Commission on Aging Legislative Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

Old Business:

Older Adult Plan update: The update for 2016 on the progress of implementing the Older Adult Plan was sent out the committee. Michelle to change 1b, transit travel training – to advocate to Howard County government as the county is currently not offering this service.

Liaison Reports:

Mary McGraw – Village in Howard: There are currently 119 members. The new office will be located in Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center.

Michelle Miller – Columbia Association:

- Columbia's 50th Birthday festivities will begin in March 2017 and end in September 2017. "Appreciate the past. Imagine the future". Seventy-two non-profits are on board with collaborating for the 50th Birthday. The website is www.columbiamd50.com.
- Bike About, sponsored by CA's Archives is taking place on Saturday, 9/17/16; Sharonlee Vogel indicated she's a volunteer for the event and encouraged the SAC to take part.
- The Chrysalis is in the second stage of development.

John Eberhard:

- John suggested a change in the July 2016 Draft Minutes meeting notes to change: "Sharonlee introduced Judy Pittman, President of The Village in Howard, who will give a presentation. Change "who will give" to "gave".
- Developing trips for TVIH. We had a successful Labor Day weekend trip to Quiet Waters Park for a hike, picnic and concert.
- Trip planned on the October 6 for a hike at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center with lunch at Mike's Crab House.

- A Megabus one-day trip to New York City on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.
- Considering a hike of the new path from the hospital to Blandair Park with commentaries from key Columbia people along the way in early December.

Member Sharing:

Sharonlee Vogel, Chair; Long Reach: Volunteering for Bike About this Saturday, 9/17/16. Open Streets is taking place on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

Rusty Toler, At-Large: Rusty has a concern regarding CA putting \$500,000 in to fund the Inner Arbor Trust

George Laniano, Town Center: Great concern about affordable housing in the downtown redevelopment area.

Roger Chang, Kings Contrivance: On August 25th, Roger Chang attended the 50+ Lunch at Amherst House.

Meeting Schedule: The next SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2:30 pm at CA Headquarters Boardroom. A motion was made and seconded adjourning the meeting at approximately 3:25 pm.