

Senior Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 18, 2016
2:30 pm, Owen Brown Community Center

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

Members/Liaisons present:

Michelle Miller, Sharonlee Vogel, Courtney Barkley, Bernice Kish, Jean Salkeld, Kathryn Sunderman, Mary McGraw, Roger Chang, John Eberhard, Paul Verchinski, George Laniano and Rusty Toler.

Excused/Absent: Arleen Tate

Guests: Terri Hansen – Howard County Office on Aging

Approval of Agenda: Approved as submitted.

Approval of minutes: The January 21, 2016 draft minutes were approved as amended to edit John E. comments planning trips.

New Business:

Presentation: Terri Hansen, Howard County Office on Aging: Transportation for Seniors in Howard County. Terri gave an overview of the transportation options available for seniors.

Older Adult Program Coordinator's part-time position- Michelle Miller handed out a document that was the scope of work for this position.

Paul announced that the Howard County Citizens Association is presenting a forum: Getting Older Is Not Optional: How You Deal With It is! Fliers were passed around. The event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Slayton House, Wilde Lake Village Center. Paul asked if CA would like to be a sponsor and stated there are a few other sponsors. Michelle asked Paul to send her details, as CA would be interested.

Chair's Report:

- CA is putting a great amount of money in the budget to update facilities.
- CA wants to be at the table for downtown development.
- At CA's Board Meeting next Thursday the final budget will be voted on.
- There will be a public hearing regarding the gas and electric rate increase that BGE is asking for.

Liaison Reports:

Office on Aging – Courtney Barkley:

Howard County Office on Aging in partnership with the Howard County Police Pathway Patrol Unit will sponsor a Community Bike Clinic on Saturday, 2/20/16. This will take place at the Wilde Lake Village Center from 2 to 4 pm.

Michelle Miller – Columbia Association: Columbia Association is holding two information sessions for community residents interested in running for the CA Board. Dates are: Saturday, 2/20/16 and Tuesday, 2/23/16.

-CA's "new and improved website" is still on track to come out in April 2016.

-On Tuesday, 3/8/16, an information session about Columbia's 50th Birthday will take place from 8am to 9 am at Slayton House in Wilde Lake.

Sharonlee Vogel: Howard County's Commission on Aging meets next week. Roughly 55% of MD funding is from the Federal government, through appropriations under the Older Americans Act and is largely formula-driven. The Department also receives some funding from other sources including general revenues of the state of Maryland and other revenue streams. Howard Office on Aging budget is over half from County revenues, the other half from OAC for specific programs and grants.

Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman announced a new public-private partnership that will leverage the power of the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN) to bring high-speed internet service to underserved portions of western Howard County. The initiative will provide the option for residents and businesses to take advantage of wireless broadband, with no data limits, from a private provider.

The ICBN minimizes the requirement for ISPs and carriers to make significant additional infrastructure investments to reach and serve new customers. It also provides cost-effective, high-bandwidth middle-mile capacity to enable private carriers to bridge the last mile through their own investments to Maryland's underserved residents and vulnerable communities.

Mary McGraw – Village in Howard: There are now 106 members. The First Anniversary Celebration was rescheduled to 3/12/16. The Bridge Group meets on Tuesday, 2/9 and Tuesday, 2/23 at 1 pm on the upper floor of Wegman's. Members are beginning to come up with their own events.

Members of the SAC:

John Eberhard – at-large: Gave presentation to Village in Howard travel group.

Paul Verchinski: Oakland Mills: Save the Date! *Renew. Rehab. Replace: New Strategies for Columbia's Older Houses*

WHEN: March 5, 2016 @ 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

WHERE: The Other Barn

5851 Robert Oliver Pl

COMMUNITY EVENT WORKSHOP

Light refreshments will be served. To find more information go to Oakland Mills Village Center's website.

Bernice Kish: Wilde Lake: Bernice has been in California for the last month and interestingly transportation issues for seniors are also being discussed in area where she was staying.

Mary McGraw: Dorsey's Search: Residents were happy about the quick snow removal job in their Village.

Jean Salkeld: At Large: Seniors fares for the MARC train are half price of regular ticket.

George Laniano: Town Center: Residents are talking about affordable housing and senior transportation. George mentioned that he took a "55 Alive" course online and was able to get a reduction in his insurance premium.

Kathryn Sunderman: Owen Brown: Residents are talking about senior transportation.

Rusty Toler: At-Large: Residents are talking about the big building on the corner of Little Patuxent Parkway and Brokenland Parkway. Concerns about Symphony Wood.

Meeting Schedule: The next SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2016, from 2:30 pm to 4 pm at the **Athletic Club**. There will be a tour followed by presentation about group exercise.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 pm.