

Senior Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 21, 2016
2:30 pm, Wilde Lake's Slayton House

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

Members/Liaisons present:

Michelle Miller, Sharonlee Vogel, Courtney Barkley, John Eberhard, Arleen Tate, Paul Verchinski, Jean Salkeld, Roger Chang

Excused/Absent: George Laniano, Rusty Toler, Mary McGraw, Kathryn Sunderman and Bernice Kish

Guests: Milton W. Matthews, President of Columbia Association and Starr Sowers from Howard County Office on Aging.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as submitted

Approval of minutes: The November 19, 2015 draft minutes were approved as amended to include Roger Chang as being present at the November meeting.

New Business:

Presentation: Starr Sowers, Office on Aging, Creating an Age Friendly Community. The County will be working with community partners to implement the plan. The power point presentation is attached to the minutes.

Chair's Report: Terry Hansen from Howard County Transportation will present at February's meeting.

Liaison's Report:

Arleen Tate – Hickory Ridge: Attended a meeting at Hawthorne Center. Discussed changes for The Village Center in the next two to three years.

Roger Chang – Attended Yoga in the Brain classes.

John Eberhard – at-large: Planning low cost trips and hikes through the Village in Howard. John is presenting tonight at the Transportation Research Committee regarding the roles of public health and transportation. John reported that there are several walking groups established throughout Howard County.

Paul Verchinski – Oakland Mills: Found out that low income seniors 65 years and older qualify for internet access through Comcast \$10 deal. Based on FARM, Free And Reduced Meals.

Office on Aging – Courtney Barkley:

Currently has a position open for Program Manager who will work with agencies and hospital referrals. Partnership with Work Force Development for 50+ Expo.

Would like to have a technology component at 50+ Expo in 2016.

A few components for the Expo might be job search in digital times and individual resume review stations and bring your own device.

Women's Fest will be held on Saturday, 4/30/16, at Gary J. Arthur Community Center.

Michelle Miller – Columbia Association: The CA Board approved an additional Sister City in Haiti. Laura Smit, Program Manager of International Exchange and Multicultural Programs, hosts a World Language Café on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Over twenty languages are represented. The language café is held at the 50+ Center of the East Columbia Library from 7 pm to 9 pm. A new "Excite Columbia" class will start on 3/1/16 and continue one night per week until 4/5/16.

Sharonlee Vogel: Howard County Commission: did not meet in January 2016.

State Commission on Aging: will meet in February.

Mary McGraw – Village in Howard: Mary was sick and could not attend this meeting. Sharonlee gave updates in Mary's absence. The Village in Howard now has approximately 102 members.

A membership drive will be held in February. The anniversary celebration has been rescheduled for March 12, 2016, 2 pm, Owen Brown Faith Center. A bridge group has been started. There will be a repeat of the Road Show in June, 2016.

Meeting Schedule: The next SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, from 2:30 pm Owen Brown Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55 pm.