

Senior Advisory Committee  
**Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 15, 2018**  
2:30 pm, CA Headquarters Boardroom

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

**Members/Liaisons Present:**

Michelle Miller, Sharonlee Vogel, Patty Dugan, Elizabeth Johnson, Mary McGraw, Genie Wessel, Jean Salkeld, George Laniado, Paul Verchinski, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Arleen Tate, John Eberhard, and Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes.

**Excused:** Bernice Kish, Courtney Barkley

**Introduction of Guests:** Sharonlee introduced CA's new Archives Manager, Lela Sewell-Williams

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The January 18, 2018 meeting notes were approved as submitted.

**Presentation:** Lela Sewell-Williams has been working as the CA Archives Manager for the past six weeks. Lela spoke of how kind Barbara Kellner has been helping her get acclimated to her new job. Lela plans to be more pro-active in obtaining archive material. The Archives has two trained Archivists now, Robin Emerich and Lela. Currently, CA Archives has over 300 collections. Lela is hosting a workshop "Celebrating the Legacy of the Women of Columbia Achieving the ARTS" which stands for art, religion, theater and sports. This event will take place on Thursday, 3/29/18 at 6 pm at Slayton House in Wilde Lake. Pearl will bring a copy of the Change Masters report – Archives of the People to Lela.

**New Business:** A motion was made and seconded to ask CA for a \$50,000 grant to The Village In Howard in the next budget.

**Old Business:** There was discussion about changing the SAC meeting schedule from every month to every other month. A few were opposed to changing. Jean Salkeld has concerns over the members not being connected if the schedule is changed. Paul Verchinski has concerns too. Paul suggested that the SAC should be checking on the implementation of the Older Adult Plan. Sharonlee Vogel will get the report and will send it to the SAC (report from 2017). Michelle is updating implementation status and will have report at April's meeting.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Michelle Miller: Columbia Association:** Columbia Association will offer a Columbia Solar Cooperative Information session at Owen Brown Community Center on 2/20 and 2/24/18.

CA's Citizen's Academy starts the first of a three part series on Tuesday, 3/6/18, followed by 3/13 and 3/20/18. On Sunday, 3/3/18, CA will host an Open House at various CA facilities from 8 am until 9 pm.

**Patty Dugan: Columbia Association:** Columbia Community Exchange partnered with CA's Camps Department and hosted a Sweetheart Dance on Tuesday, 2/6/18, with approximately 60 seniors in attendance. CCE will host a Skill Share Fair and Tool Shop during Greenfest on 4/21/18, 10 am – 4 pm. Speak Easy Foundation is hosting various workshops regarding the starter kits for the end of life care. These workshops are free and open to the public.

**Mary McGraw-The Village in Howard:** TVIH now has 146 members. Circle of Care started a new program where members help other members in need when recovering from hospitalization or sickness with things like delivering food, getting their mail and driving them to appointments.

**Chair's Report:** Maryland Commission on Aging meeting scheduled for yesterday was cancelled, no quorum.

### **Inner Arbor Trust and Pathway**

The Symphony Woods pathway has been changed a bit to add a pathway going all the way to Little Patuxent Parkway near the Columbia Central Library corner. The pathway will be ADA compliant. There is also a plan for about 1,000 trees in the woods. Ultimately, the trees will be filled in; it will become a more fully developed park. The parking lot to the west of the park will allow access to the exiting multi-use pathway and from that people can access the Chrysalis performance venue. There is also a disabled people's lot south of the Chrysalis.

The CA Budget is being finalized now. It will be voted upon February 22, 2018.

For next year, I'd like the SAC to consider increasing our recommendation to The Village in Howard from \$25,000 to at least \$30,000+ annually.

There is currently \$100,000 in the budget for drafting plans for the Lakefront in FY2019. Also, there is \$250,000 in FY20 to create changes to the Lakefront. Last month, I reported on the changes HHC has filed for approval on.

CA is in the process of readying those ponds that the County will be taking over. As the County takes over these ponds, the costs to CA will be diminished.

The CA Board/Council has had a number of requests for more pickle ball courts. Two of the courts at Owen Brown will be looked at as possible pickle ball courts. This is yet to be determined. The other three courts at Owen Brown will be tennis courts. Racquet ball courts at Supreme have been lined for pickle ball. Lines are painted also at the indoor tennis center. One tennis court can be lined to hold two pickle ball courts. There will be six dedicated pickle ball courts at Owen Brown.

### **Member Sharing:**

**Genie Wessel:** The nomination period for Wilde Lake Village elections opens on Wednesday, 2/21/18. Candidate packets are available at Slayton House or on the website ([www.wildelake.org](http://www.wildelake.org)). The nomination period closes March 14<sup>th</sup> and Village Election Day is Saturday, 4/28/18. Silhouette Stages

presents “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” at Slayton House Theater. For more Information visit ([www.silhouettestages.com](http://www.silhouettestages.com)).

**Elizabeth Johnson:** Attended a recent event and noticed there is a lack of street lights. Others recommended that Elizabeth contact Howard County Government.

**Paul Verchinski:** Second year for the Aging in Place Tax Credit for residing at the same residence for 40+ years. CA will be taking over the covenants in the industrial parks as Howard County no longer wants to.

**Pearl Atkinson-Stewart:** Howard County Commission on Aging started the movement for a tax credit. Seniors would like to see it reduced to 25 years and make it portable within Maryland. It has to start at the state level.

**George Laniado:** Howard County Hospital is not including people’s primary care physicians in directing their patients’ care. This is a hospital administration decision. A letter writing campaign would be helpful.

**John Eberhard:** Finally settling in at Vantage House and back to planning trips for The Village In Howard.

**Adjournment:** At approximately 4 pm a motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting.