

Senior Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 17, 2018
2:30 pm, CA Headquarters Boardroom

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

Members/Liaisons Present:

Michelle Miller, Sharonlee Vogel, Elizabeth Johnson, Genie Wessel, Jean Salkeld, Arleen Tate, John Eberhard, George Laniado, Paul Verchinski, and Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes.

Excused: Roger Chang

Absent: Bernice Kish, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Mary McGraw

Introduction of Guests: Sharonlee introduced Danielle Tyerer, Environmental Program Assistant, Columbia Association Open Space.

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

Approval of Minutes: The April minutes were approved as amended to add Paul's questions about the number of participants age 65 and older in the Community Care and Journeys to Health programs.

Presentation: Danielle Tyerer, Assistant to CA's Watershed and Energy Program Department, gave an informative presentation on Bugs that Bite. A few highlights from presentation:

- Ticks have four life stages: eggs, larva, eight legged nymph and adult.
- Common Northern ticks include Blacklegged (Deer) Tick, Wood/Dog Tick and Lone Star Tick.
- Ticks are most active from April through September; however, can be active all year.
- Lyme disease was first discovered in Lyme, CT in 1975.
- Early signs and symptoms of Lyme Disease include fever, chills, headache, fatigue and sometimes a bulls eye rash.
- These symptoms can appear anywhere from three to thirty days after a tick bite.
- It takes mosquitos one week from egg stage to adult.
- Immature stages confined to aquatic habitat.
- There are approximately sixty species of mosquitos in Maryland.
- Majority of mosquitos in our area are Asian Tiger and Northern House.

New Business: Report from Nominating Committee, Arleen Tate and Genie Wessel. Both members attempted to create a slate for the upcoming year. It became apparent that no one was interested in taking on the task Sharonlee Vogel had so successfully handled. As a result, both Arleen and Genie have requested Sharonlee Vogel to continue in the role she has so successfully filled in the past. We thank Sharonlee for accepting the position as Chairperson once again. Sharonlee nominated Bernice Kish to continue to be the Vice Chair.

The Nominating Committee's report was accepted by the SAC members.

Old Business:

Liaison Reports:

Michelle Miller: Columbia Association: At the CA Board of Directors meeting last Thursday, 5/10/18, Andy Stack was voted in as the Chair and Dick Boulton was voted in as Vice Chair. The next Explore Columbia on Foot will be on Thursday, 5/31/18 meeting at the River Hill pool.

Chair's Report:

SAC letter was sent to Milton Matthews about CA advocating to the County for a new East Columbia 50+ Center. Milton said he would discuss with the CA Board Chair.

Howard County had plans for Snowden River Parkway to expand to 3 lanes both ways

Member Sharing:

Genie Wessel: The Bernice Kish Gallery is pleased to announce a two person exhibit in May 2018. Larry Myers will exhibit his paintings in the Lobby Gallery and Jane Wall will exhibit her work in the Bill White Room Gallery. The exhibit will run from May 10th through June 9th with a reception on Saturday, 5/29/18. On Friday, 5/11/18 Silhouette Stages will present "Big Fish."

George Laniado: George stated that he has received some concerns from residents at Vantage House complaining that the Senior Events Shuttle hotline does not return calls. CA staff will look into that.

Paul Verchinski: On Saturday, 5/19/18, the Oakland Mills Village 50th Birthday Kickoff celebration will take place. The plant sale was very successful. Oakland Mills did not have elections because there were seven slots and six people.

Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 2:30 pm at CA Headquarters.

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