

**Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**October 10, 2018 @ Long Reach Tennis Facility**

**Members/Liaisons Present:** Sharonlee Vogel, Michelle Miller (CA), Patty Dugan (CA), Barbara Scherr (Office on Aging/Independence), Genie Wessel, George Laniado, Arleen Tate, Jean Salkeld, Roger Chang, Paul Verchinski, David Zeiter, Steve Cook, John Eberhard, and Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes.

**Excused/Absent:** Mary McGraw, Elizabeth Johnson, Bernice Kish  
Pearl Atkinson-Stewart

**Approval of Agenda:** Move presentation to first order of business.

**Introduction of Guests:** Maury Bozman, Tennis General Manager

**Presentation:** Maury gave a presentation and a tour of the Long Reach Tennis /facility and spoke about new tennis and pickleball programs.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:45 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 2018 meeting minutes.

**New Business:** Introduced new representative from Harper's Choice, Steve Cook.

**Old Business:** Sharonlee proposed a few meeting schedule options. A vote was Cast, and the majority voted to change the SAC meeting schedule to meet quarterly throughout the year. George wanted the option to extend the meeting time, if necessary. George also request three minutes of sharing verses the two minutes currently.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Barbara Scher, Office on Aging** - In charge of all Howard County 50+ Centers. Starting February 2019, the renovation on the Bain 50+ Center will begin. The Center will be open during the renovations. The expected time frame for the renovation will be approximately one year to eighteen months. The 50+ Centers' usage continues to rise and evening hours and Saturday programs have been added.

**Michelle Miller/CA**

There are three remaining Explore Columbia on Foot programs:

- Thursday, 10/25, Owen Brown - meet at Hopewell Pool, 9200 Rustling Leaf
- Saturday, 11/3, Downtown Columbia - meet at the Lakefront Plaza, 10275 Little Patuxent Parkway
- Thursday, 11/8, Kings Contrivance - meet at Amhurst House, 7251 Eden Brook Drive

### **Capital projects:**

- Lighting at Lake Kittamaqundi: CA is extending the multi-use pathway lighting at lake Kittamaqundi, going from between the ground-level bridge on the southern end of the lake along the east side of the lake to the Kennedy Gardens loop. This is a collaborative project with BGE.
- Phelps Luck Pool and Neighborhood Center: CA will be installing an ADA ramp, doing drainage work and preparing for future roof work.

### **Veterans Day Event:**

The Howard County community is invited to honor those actively serving the U. S. Armed Forces and the more than 20,000 Veterans who call Howard County home at a Veterans Day parade and ceremony on Sunday, 11/11/18, in Downtown Columbia. The

Parade will begin at 9:30 am, starting at Merriweather Drive and continuing along Little Patuxent Parkway headed toward the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. A ceremony will follow at 10:45 am at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront, with featured speakers, music and performances. The event will feature family-friendly activities, including a card-making station for troops and the opportunity to explore vintage military vehicles.

The Athletic Club will have a soft opening in November with the grand opening in January 2019. CA's Open Space Weed Warriors is seeking volunteers to pull out invasive weeds.

SAC's budget testimony has been submitted to the CA Board, and the Board votes on the budget in February.

**Patty Dugan/CA:** Co-hosted with the Howard County Commission on Aging and Howard County Office on Aging and Independence a Skill Share Fair and Repair Cafe at the East Columbia 50+ Center on Saturday, 10/13/18. The event featured mini and educational workshops. Over 200 people attended this event.

**Chair's Report:** Do the Focus Groups again, east and west Columbia, 55 to 75 and 76+. CA is doing a Millennials Group, so it is time for 55+ again after about 15 years.

Dorsey's Search is looking for improvements to their Tot Lots such as benches. This Village is changing rapidly with young families moving in and replacing older residents.

New pickleball courts are now open in Owen Brown, outdoor only. Lake Elkhorn has new picnic tables. There is a new bridge at Fairway Hills and the Ice Rink has been refurbished. CA just received a Federal award for reducing energy use by 20% over five years. Fairway Hills Golf course has been seriously flooded two times in the last two years. CA looking at alternatives that would be more resistant to flooding. Parts of the course are in the flood plain. Costs for concrete or steel bridge are twice the price as wooden. There

is a possibility of making Fairways more family centered by making it a nine-hole course. The new East Columbia 50+ Center will break ground within a year.

This will be the largest 50+ Center in Howard County with 30,000 square feet, the same size as the Elkridge Library and the 50+ Center located there. The aim is for LEAD certification at the Silver or Gold level. It will be a new, free standing, two-story building, separate from the Library. It will house either Connections or Kindred Spirits. It will take 18 months to build, so completely done two years from now - if funded.

### **Member Sharing:**

Arleen Tate - Attended the Skill Share Fair. A friend had two watches repaired.

Paul Verchinski - LA Mart recently signed a lease to occupy the former Weis Markets space in Oakland Mills. Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) and the Savage Community Association will hold a forum with county council candidates running in the Route One Corridor district on 10/22/18.

Steven Cook- Harper's Choice Community Center is a lot safer than it used to be.

Genie Wessel - On 10/24/18, Wilde Lake Community Association Health & Wellness Committee will host a forum on the opioid crisis at Slayton House. Laurel Art Guild Exhibit will be at the Bernice Kish Art Gallery from 10/18 through 12/15/18. Artfully Wilde will take place on 11/9 and 11/10/18 at Slayton House.

David Zeiter - There will be a Lunch & Learn at Hickory Ridge Village Center featuring Anne Dodd, Head of the Orphan's Court, on 10/23/18 from 11:30 until 1 pm. If you would like to attend make reservations and the cost is \$5. The topic will be wills and estates.

Jean Salkeld - There will be an Open House for pickleball at Long Reach Tennis Facility on Saturday, 11/10/18.

George Laniado - The Senior Events Shuttle will take Vantage House residents to the 50+ Expo. Made a suggestion that the SAC invite Maryland Continuing Care Association to a meeting.

Roger Chang - Attended a FBI/Homeland Security presentation.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm.