

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, 5/16/19 2:30 pm
CA Boardroom

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

Members/Liaisons Present: Michelle Miller (CA), Patty Dugan (CA), Sharonlee Vogel, David Zeitzer, Elizabeth Johnson, Genie Wessel, Jean Salkeld, Roger Chang, Steve Cook, George Laniado, Paul Verchinski, and Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes.

Excused/Absent: Arleen Tate, Bernice Kish, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, John Eberhard, Mary McGraw

Introduction of Guests: Sharonlee introduced Dan Burns, CA's Director of Sport & Fitness.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended to include Paul V. request to discuss Bill CB-75-2016 under "New Business."

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to amend the January 2019 minutes to include George Laniado's correction to add the following: Maryland Continuing Care Retirement Association & National.

Presentation: Dan Burns made a presentation to the group about Clarabridge, a tool for member feedback.

1. Surveys are sent out once per quarter to anyone that has attended a CA's facility.
2. There is a 10% response from the survey.
3. Dan is asking for help from the 65+ age group to respond to the surveys. The more information the better.
4. The Supreme Sports Club will close in two weeks for renovations.

New Business: A motion was made and seconded to discuss the DRAFT Senior Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report, May 2018-April 2019 and the FY20 Charge discussion.

Paul Verchinski suggested including the number of trips and riders under the section about the Senior Events Shuttle. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2019 Draft Annual Report as amended.

Paul Verchinski wanted to discuss Bill# CB-75-2016, Homeowners Tax Credit.

Chair's Report: The Commission on Aging wanted to change the tax credit from 40 years to 20 years for the past three years. Sharonlee suggested that the SAC meetings be held

every other month starting in September 2019. We will meet on June 20th, hopefully at the Athletic Club. A new schedule will be sent out.

Liaison Reports:

Michelle Miller/CA: CA's Senior Team and Board of Directors have been developing the FY 20-24 Strategic Plan since January 2019. The Draft Plan is currently on CA's website. The CA Board will vote on the strategic plan in early summer 2019. Over 300 people attended the showing of Maryland Public Television "Columbia's Promise" and you may still be able to view on the MPT website.

Patty Dugan/CA: Attended Greenfest in April at Howard Community College and held a Skill Share Fair and ran several discussions. On Saturday, July 20th from noon until 3 pm at the Howard County Center for the Arts, there will be a Time Bank Skill Share Fair and Swap and a Repair Café hosted by Transition Howard County. Please let Patty know when your village has a senior luncheon as she would like to attend. Patty showed everyone a grocery bag made out of an old t-shirt. You can donate old t-shirts to Less Plastics Please.

Member Sharing:

Genie Wessel: Narcan Training was held on April 24th and May 14th for Wilde Lake Village merchants and residents. It was conducted by the Howard County Health Department Education Staff and 18 people were trained. In cooperation with Feet First 40th Anniversary, a 5K walk/run was held and Wilde Lake staff participated. Invitations to all seniors through The Village in Howard and SAC. The turnout was excellent. Newsletter to restart now that SAC will be meeting regularly. Attended a presentation on the Downtown renovations and will share web site as soon as received.

Roger Chang: One of his writings has been published.

Steve Cook: Celebrating 15 years on the Harper's Choice Village Board. Recent crime has been on everyone's minds and police presence has been ramped up.

Sharonlee Vogel: Residents are complaining about the cost of CA. Also, some people feel as if CA has too many closed meetings and are upset about the proposed change CA wants to make – going from an HOA to a CVA. Also, people want the CA lien decreased for those 60+.

Elizabeth Johnson: Recently visited Bermuda and learned that there are no programs for the aging. Churches provide services.

David Zeitzer: Hickory Ridge recently hosted a 50+ luncheon and there were approximately 75 people in attendance. On 6/7/19 HR is hosting an Ice Cream Social from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. On July 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm the County will hold a hearing on the Revitalization of Hickory Ridge.

George Laniado: Seniors are talking about the Howard County will no longer accept plastic bags.

Paul Verchinski: Bruce Garner is the new Director of RTA. For seniors 65+ and/or disabled people can ride free on the regular routes.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:30 pm.