

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:30 pm  
CA Headquarters

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

**Members/Liaisons Present:** Sharonlee Vogel (Chair), Michelle Miller (CA), Patty Dugan (CA), Elizabeth Johnson, Roger Chang, David Zeitzer, Genie Wessel, Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Mary McGraw, Paul Verchinski, Barbara Scher, Office of Aging, and Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes.

**Excused:** Steve Cook, George Laniado **Absent:** John Eberhard

**Introduction of Guests:** Sharonlee introduced Jeremy Scharfenberg, CA's Energy Manager.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 2019 minutes. Motion passed with three abstaining.

**Presentation:** Jeremy Scharfenberg, CA's Energy Manager, gave a presentation about the different ways to save energy, programs available to help you save and how well CA is doing with saving energy. On Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at the River Hill meeting room there will be a presentation about solar energy and the Home Star Energy Program.

**New Business:** None

**Liaison Reports:**

**Michelle Miller/CA:** We are starting our two-year budget process for FY 21/22. At the pre-budget hearing The Village In Howard has asked for a grant in the amount of \$50,000. Saturday, 9/28/19 is Bike About, a six mile ride starting and ending in Long Reach Village Center. The first phase at Supreme Sports Club(upper level locker rooms) has been completed and opened Monday. Next phase of the renovation is the main fitness floor. Dog Day will take place at CA's Dog Park on Saturday, 10/26/19.

**Patty Dugan/CA:** Our July Skill Share Fair was successful with approximately 100 people attending and 75 items fixed. October will be busy for Columbia Community Exchange. We are attending

Oakland Mills Fall Fest on Saturday, 10/5/19 and the Master Aging Conference @ HCC on Saturday, 10/19/19, as well as CA's Dog Day on Saturday, 10/26/19.

Barbara Scher, Office on Aging: During the summer approximately 70 to 90 kids came to the East Columbia 50+ Center to learn how to cook. The Master Aging Event will take place on Saturday, 10/19/19 at Howard Community College from 10 am until 3 pm. Capitol Steps will only perform one show and there is a \$1 donation fee. No flu shots will be given this year. Construction is slated to begin in July 2020 for East Columbia's new 50+ Center. This will be a 32,000 square foot space with two levels. Barbara is now in charge of "Kindred Spirits", a social day program offered in Howard County. Powerful Tools for Caregivers will be offered for six consecutive Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning 9/25/19.

Mary McGraw: The Village In Howard: Mary passed around a flier for Basket Bingo to be held on Friday, 11/15/19 at the FOP Lodge #69 in Catonsville, MD. There are currently 180 Village in Howard members.

Office on Aging: Sharonlee Vogel:

Member Sharing:

Genie Wessel: Plant sale at Wilde Lake Village Center this Saturday at 9 am at Slayton House. Many new plays and concerts are scheduled at Slayton House.

Pearl Atkinson-Stewart: Concerns about parking at the new 50+ Center. Handicap parking will supposedly go in the back of the building. Centennial High School, Centennial Middle School and Centennial Elementary are not slated to be redistricted.

David Zeitzer: Kimco has been very responsive to questions about the redevelopment of the Hickory Ridge Shopping Center. Apartments will cost market rate. Applied for the tax break and got it.

Paul Verchinski: Brand new courts built at Cedar Lane Park for bocce ball. The sport is expanding. Oakland Mills' annual fall fest will be held on Saturday, 10/5/19. There will be food trucks.

Mary McGraw: Dorsey Search now has roundabouts - one at Columbia Road and Kings Cup.

Elizabeth Johnson: mentioned about aging programs in the Bahamas.

Roger Chang: River Hill Village will hold a flea market on Saturday, 9/28/19 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Sharonlee Vogel: Dr. Calvin Ball came and explained that the redevelopment of Long Reach is dead. Howard County owns Long Reach shopping center and wants to bring in a commercial kitchen. People want a full-service gas station and the idea about a commercial kitchen was not well received.

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

**Next Meeting: November 21, 2019**