

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2019 2:30 pm
CA Athletic Club

The meeting was called to order after our tour of the renovated Athletic Club.

Members/Liaisons Present: Sharonlee Vogel (Chair), Michelle Miller (CA), Patty Dugan (CA), Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Roger Chang, Steve Cook, John Eberhard, George Laniado, Mary McGraw, Genie Wessel, Barbara Scher, Office of Aging, Nancy McCord, CA Board Member

Excused/Absent: Arleen Tate, Elizabeth Johnson, Jean Salkeld, Paul Verchinski, David Zeitzer

Introduction of Guests: Sharonlee introduced Leslie Flynn, General Manager, Columbia Athletic Club

Tour of Athletic Club: Leslie Flynn provided a tour of the Athletic Club, pointing out the changes that occurred during the recent renovation. The Club feels much more open, has a lighter color scheme, and flooring and equipment changes have been well received by members, including older adults. Leslie pointed out the changes to the personal training rooms, group fitness, locker rooms to include a new accessible hot tub.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations from the Floor for Officers:

George Laniado nominated Sharonlee Vogel for Chairperson. Seconded by John Eberhard. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharonlee Vogel nominated Genie Wessel for Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by John Eberhard. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report: Bernice Kish has resigned from the SAC.

Liaison Reports:

Michelle Miller/CA:

Outdoor Yoga at Stevens Forest pool gazebo - every Tuesday and Thursday, May 28-September 26, 8:30-9:25am. Free for all CA members on a drop-in space available basis. Columbia Cardholders: Six

classes for \$45 (\$12 drop-in per class) Non-members: Six classes for \$60 (\$12 drop-in per class) All classes are weather dependent.

Sportspark 20th Birthday -

Come celebrate Columbia SkatePark's 20th birthday party, featuring food, music, vendors, skate contests, field games and more! Admission is free. Friday, June 28 4-8 pm.

CA Board meeting - the Advisory Committee Chairs will present the FY19 Annual report and charges for FY 20, on July 18.

Patty Dugan/CA: Had 20 people attend a Hands-on Quilt event on June 1. Attended the Maryland Gerontology meeting and was informed with challenges associated with social isolation for seniors. 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.

Barbara Scher, Office on Aging:

East Columbia 50 Plus Center - had a meeting on the new design on June 14, 60 people attended. The design was unveiled at the meeting; a new 32,000 sf center with a LEEDS silver designation. Groundbreaking July 1, 2020.

Bain Center - renovations to begin in August 2019. The Center will remain open as the work will be done in phases. Some classes may be relocated during the renovations.

The 50+ Expo has been rebranded to the Master Aging, and has a new location at Howard Community College, Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 3 pm.

The Village in Howard: currently 173 members. Recent trip to NYC had 24 members, and they stayed overnight. Other trips planned for July. Worked with Horizon Foundation on the Speak Easy program. Walking groups meet on Saturday mornings and Lunch Bunch on Wednesdays.

Member Sharing:

Sharonlee Vogel: Orchard Development did not come to an agreement with two property owners in Long Reach Village Center so the deal expired to redevelop the Center. Howard County, who owns the property, will step in and clean and maintain the center to make it marketable.

Genie Wessel: Happenings in Wilde Lake: Camps for the Arts program for children in Theater still has openings. Wilde Lake has a new property evaluator program, starting in late June. The purpose is to educate residents on their responsibility to maintain property in accord with the Covenants.

Pearl Atkinson-Stewart: East Columbia 50+ Center- she is concerned about the funding and urged the SAC to write letters as individuals to the County Executive and members of the County Council.

Steve Cook: KIMCO renovating Harper's Choice Village Center and discussion on going about what businesses will have to close during renovations.

John Eberhard: Interested in issues of isolation/mobility as the Village in Howard is looking into a telephone tree.

Nancy McCord: CA Board member from Wilde Lake. The Board is looking into membership costs. Please share your thoughts on this subject with Nancy.

Mary McGraw: Dorsey's Search Senior apartments will be built on Route 108 and Columbia Road- a hearing is scheduled on July 16.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2019