

Senior Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 16, 2020
1:00 pm The Turn House, Hobbits Glen Golf Course

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm

Members/Liaisons present: Sharonlee Vogel (Chair), Genie Wessel (Vice Chair), Michelle Miller (CA), Patty Dugan (CA), Pearl Atkinson-Stewart, Roger Chang, Elizabeth Johnson, George Laniado, Mary McGraw, Jean Salkeld, Paul Verchinski, David Zeitzer

Excused: Steve Cook **Absent:** John Eberhard

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was unanimous. There is no presentation at this meeting; it is the annual “holiday” celebration luncheon instead.

Approval of minutes: September 2019- Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was unanimous.

November Notes- for information only as a quorum was not present in November 2019.

Chairs Report: CA has a Neighborhood Center survey out to solicit public interest in the Neighborhood Centers in light of increasing costs of repairs and maintenance. If you have not seen it, please contact Sharonlee and she will provide you a link to the survey.

Howard County General Hospital directory has come out and includes 12 pages of pediatricians; however, no physicians are cross-trained to work with the older adult population. There is no listing at all for a single geriatrician.

New Business:

Information regarding CA’s participation in Howard County Age-Friendly Community and update of the CA Older Adult Plan: CA will be involved in the Age-Friendly initiative which will take place over the next three years. Surveys and focus groups will be used to gather data in the first few years, and CA can utilize the data to help with determining program modifications or additional programs. There was a discussion around whether CA should update its Plan. The group felt that CA is working on the plan and since most of the recommendations are on-going, they are now incorporated into operations. CA can use the data gathered by the Office on Aging over the next few years to enhance its Older Adult Plan.

Liaisons Report:

CA: Michelle Miller and Patty Dugan

The CA Board has been working on the Budget that will be voted on in February; the Board had presentations and put out a survey on updates to the Neighborhood Centers. The Art Center is working with the Korean American Senior Association to offer classes and use the Art Center for meeting space.

CA continues to go solar - and so can you! Learn about the basics of residential solar power and how to receive exclusive discounts on February 11, 7pm, Hawthorn Center.

The Columbia Community Exchange will have a Skill Share Fair and a Repair Cafe on Saturday, March 14. CCE will be participating in Greenfest as an outreach opportunity.

Office on Aging: Sharonlee report for the Office [she is on the County's Commission on Aging] is busy working on launching the Age-Friendly Howard initiative and the eight domain workgroups are meeting for the first time over the next few weeks.

The Village in Howard: Mary McGraw reported that they are up to 180 members; the Village will now have tri-directors to oversee the Village; had a successful BINGO fundraiser will \$9,000 raised.

Member Sharing:

David Zeiter: Hickory Ridge commercial center building plan is stalled. More meetings ahead.

Pearl Atkinson Stewart: Attended the Howard County Budget Hearing on East Columbia 50+ Center.

Paul Verchinski: Columbia Bank is being repurposed into a Dunkin Donuts. The barbershop and LA MArt are doing well. Investigating the transit way from Columbia Gateway to Downtown.

Genie Wessel: A Reiki workshop on Jan. 22 at Slayton House, revising some RAC guidelines, issues with traffic calming on Green Mountain Circle.

Sharonlee Vogel: Long Reach - the African Art Museum of Maryland is going into the village center space; commercial kitchen idea has died; Arts Council arranging studio space for artists.

Roger Chang: Recognition for volunteer service occurred at Kings Contrivance.

Jean Salkeld: for The Village in Howard - implementing a snow shoveling list; she will lead even more trips that are publicized and economical.

Elizabeth Johnson: National Association of Retired Federal Employees [NARFE]- Impact of recent tax changes have made it worse for seniors.

George Laniado: He participated in a study program about certain doses of Vitamin D and mentioned the fantastic care at the Cleveland Clinic.

Adjournment: 3 pm

Next Meeting: March 19, 2:30 pm CA Headquarters