

Senior Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 20, 2017

2:30 pm, CA Headquarters Boardroom

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

Members/Liaisons Present:

Michelle Miller, Sharonlee Vogel, Patty Dugan, Courtney Barkley, Mary McGraw, Jean Salkeld, Katharyn Sunderman, Arleen Tate, John Eberhard, George Laniado, Paul Verchinski, and Dale Virginia Wasmus (CA) taking notes.

Absent/Excused: Bernice Kish, Roger Chang, Rusty Toler

Introduction of Guests: Mary Becker and Vanessa Hughes, both from Office on Aging and Independence; Anish Manrai, CA Assistant Director of Sport & Fitness.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to modify the Agenda to include a presentation by Mary Becker and Vanessa Hughes about the Loan Closet then followed by Anish Manrai and add appointment of At-large Member, Arleen Tate. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting Minutes from May 2017. There was no meeting in June due to no quorum.

Presentation: Office on Aging and Independence:

- The Loan Closet of Howard County has been in operation since 2010.
- The Loan Closet was relocated to Long Reach Village and has been there for one year.
- In the past year, 5,000 pieces of equipment have been processed; 2,000 people have been helped.
- This program is free to any tax payers in Howard County.
- Some partners are the Rotary Club of Columbia, Weigh Station of Sheppard Pratt and Rebuilding Together Howard County.
- Loan Closet needs volunteers to clean the durable equipment.

Presentation: Assistant Director of CA Sport & Fitness:

- Several renovation projects are underway at CA's Athletic Club, Ice Rink, and Swim Center.
- A new tennis facility is being built in Long Reach and will become operational in Spring 2018.
- The Owen Brown tennis bubble which has been up for 18 years will be removed once the new tennis facility in Long Reach is opened, and the courts will be turned in to outside courts.
- The tennis program has increased more than 20% in the past four years.
- Pickleball is growing and in process of hiring a Pickleball Coordinator at CA.

Chair's Report:

Sharonlee Vogel reported that the Howard County Commission on Aging will have a meeting on Monday, July 24 with County Executive Allan Kittleman. Items on the agenda: communications, website, getting out information to the public.

Public Hearing next Tuesday, July 25, on transportation.

Sharonlee represented the SAC at the July 13 CA Board of Directors worksession. She spoke about the FY17 SAC Annual Report and FY18 charges.

New Business:

Appointment of At-large Member: Sharonlee nominated Arleen Tate as an At-Large Member of the SAC. Motion seconded by John. Motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of FY 2019 SAC budget testimony: The committee reviewed the previous year's (FY2018) budget testimony and made suggestions for FY19. Sharonlee will send out the revised FY19 testimony to the group and request comments. The final testimony will be sent to CA.

Old Business:**Liaison Reports:**

Michelle Miller: Columbia Association: Michelle passed out the Columbia 50th Birthday calendar of events now through October 8th. CA's Youth and Teen Center will open a Summer Community Food Pantry. The Community Pantry will offer food items on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Beginning 7/24/17, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Volunteers are welcomed to assist with stocking the food items on Tuesdays and distributing the food on the designated days.

CA and Howard County Economic Development Authority are collaborating on a new initiative to support retailers in the nine Village Centers. Michelle provided a press release about the initiative to the group. *Bike About* is September 23 starting at Lake Elkhorn.

Patricia Dugan, Columbia Association:

Horizon Foundation concluded the year-long community collaborative stage of its **Speak (Easy) Howard** campaign in June. Horizon Foundation is compiling the results and learnings of the collaborative partners to incorporate them into the public campaign roll out later in 2017 (date to be determined by Horizon Foundation).

Courtney Barkley: Office on Aging and Independence: Courtney reminded the SAC that Senior Day At The Fair will take place on Tuesday, August 8th. Free admission for adults 62 and older from 10 am to 3 pm. Fliers for this event were passed around.

Mary McGraw – Village in Howard: The Village in Howard is gearing up for their October 2017 fundraiser. One of the upcoming events is the Labor Day symphony at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, MD with the Annapolis Symphony performing on Sunday, 9/3/17.

Member Sharing:

Jean Salkeld: People don't know how to use the MARC train. Recently Jean took visitors to Washington, D.C. on the MARC train.

John Eberhard: Has taken a Transportation 101 Course and developed guidelines for seniors /caregivers.

Arleen Tate: The land that Abiding Savior Church owns is not going to be built on. No Verizon tower and no townhouses.

Paul Verchinski: Oakland Mills recently lost another small business. After 40 years of offering dry cleaning services the business has closed. HCCA is presenting *Columbia 50* film with a panel discussion following on September 13 at HCC. All are invited.

George Laniado: Volunteers on a monthly basis with Howard County Food Bank. Vantage House is undergoing an extensive renovation now.

Adjournment: At approximately 4:05 pm a motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting.