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senior tax credit task force

Minutes of the October 11, 2007, meeting

The Senior Tax Credit Task Force met on October 11, 2007, in the Ellicott Room, Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Dr., Ellicott City, MD, at 2 pm.

The following members of the task force were in attendance: Ted Meyerson, Janice Bloodworth, Ray Wacks, Pat Dornan, Sue Brown, Joel Yesly, Frank Chase, Don Dunn, Colin Burke, Sue Buswell, Sara Hamer, and Larry Lewis.

Others from staff in attendance were Linda Watts, Jeff Bronow, Leo Oken, Don Stitely, Jeff Meyers, Pam Bilal, and Diana Coll.

The meeting was open to the public and press.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

The task force approved the minutes from August 14 and September 26, 2007.

Ms. Watts from the Department of Finance gave the task force an update, which is attached. More than 680 applications have been processed so far. Of those, over 500 have received senior property tax credits. Over 180 applicants did not receive senior property tax credits because the applicants' State Homeowners Tax Credits granted exceeded 25% of the tax bill. About 300 applications are awaiting action by the State before the County can act on them. The task force discussed the report and its implications.

Ms. Bilal distributed a report on the efforts of the Office on Aging, which is attached. The Office held 8 clinics and also helped some applicants in Office offices and in applicants' homes.

The chairman reminded the task force that it will issue a final report in November. At the next meeting the task force will seek to reach consensus on any recommendations to be included in the report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Meyers