



COMMISSION ON AGING

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Minutes
September 21, 2015

PRESIDING: Sharonlee Vogel, Chair

Members Attending

Angela Boyter
Pete Brunner
Roxanne Farrar
Deborah Fleischmann
Jan Horan
Bob McLaughlin
Andrew Monjan

Not Present

Barbara Catlin
Susan Hailman
Julia Mattis
Eletta Morse
Carolyn Rimes
Sang K. Shin
Laureen Wylie

Department of Citizen Services

Phyllis Madachy

Office on Aging

Starr Sowers
Peggy Hoffman

Guests

Jerry Boden

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Jan Horan suggested that the Commission and Office on Aging look into creating an orientation for new Commissioners.

Approve Agenda

Pete Brunner moved to accept the agenda and Angie Boyter seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Agenda accepted.*

Approve Minutes

Angie Boyter moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Pete Brunner seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Minutes accepted.*

Age Friendly Community Report

Starr Sowers shared a summary of the report and the next steps for implementation. An age friendly leadership council will be formed to examine how to move the priorities identified in the report forward. The Office is partnering with the Erikson School to structure a partnership with Columbia Association to find synergy between their plan and the county's. Beginning in November, an effort to engage the community on the priorities will be rolled out. The focus will be on small, community groups, like book clubs and knitting clubs instead of large public meetings.

50+EXPO

Andrew Monjan presented the plan for the 50+EXPO booth. There will be a board used to tally attendee's priorities on issues, as well as the opportunity for open ended feedback. In addition a COA brochure, handout on living options, and other handouts regarding tax credits will be available.

Andrew will be in touch to schedule the booth.

Governmental Affairs Committee Report

Bob McLaughlin shared that the committee's report was submitted to the County Executive. The major recommendation was that the Office on Aging should be elevated to a department, and that the driving force should be on effectively providing services. After reviewing the structure of Montgomery County, the majority of the committee did not feel there was advantage to their structure; Bob cited examples of the downsides including RIFs, privatization, waiting lists, and trouble getting to services like MAP. Angie Boyter shared that she felt there was insufficient information to make a recommendation on either potential structure.

MDCOA

Sharonlee shared that MDCOA still has space for their training this week; if people would like to attend, they can contact her directly. Angie is planning to attend.

CASAC

Beginning in October, Sharonlee will be the chair of the Senior Advisory Council. She will bring updates on the Columbia Association's plan for the older adult population to an upcoming meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Debbie Fleischmann shared an invite to the hospital's Stroke Survivor Art Show, to be held October 1 at 6:30pm in the Outpatient Center.

Peggy Hoffman shared a success story from Maryland Access Point regarding a renovation scam that was successfully curtailed.

Adjournment

Pete Brunner motioned to adjourn. Andrew Monjan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Rittenhouse

Next Meeting: October 19, 2015, Ellicott City Senior Center Annex, 7pm