



ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

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**Meeting Summary
March 18, 2019**

PRESENT: Jim Feaster, Carl Brooks, Cheryl Beversdorf, Valerie Crotty, Linc Cummings, Cragg Hines, Herschel Kanter, Jim Richardson, Jim Ruff, Cynthia Schneider, Sophie Shen, Gwendolyn Sutton, Martha Villanigro-Santiago, Duke Taylor

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Senator Barbara Favola, Linda Kelleher

STAFF: Rachel Coates, Maimoona Bah-Duckenfield, Jeanne Booth, Jim Baker, Helen King

GUESTS: Angela Chadbourne, Barbara Clemens, Clarita Mrena, Erica Wood, Cynthia Davis, Tom Daly

I. Call to Order at 12:47 p.m.

Chair Feaster welcomed the commissioners and noted that the Community Engagement Forum went well that morning.

II. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting were unanimously approved as written.

III. Consideration of Proposed FY2020 Area Plan for Aging Services, including Fee Scale Waiver Request and proposed FY20 County Budget Rachel Coates

Ms. Coates thanked all for assistance and support of the Community Engagement Forum noting that she has already received good feedback and information. The comments from the information sessions will be summarized and data from the survey will be compiled and shared with the Commission at a future meeting.

Ms. Coates reported that the AAA is beginning preparation of the Area Plan, the contract with the State office through which the AAA receives federal and state funding for programs. One formal part of the process is a vote on a waiver request to adjust the income scale to better align with the high cost of living in Northern Virginia. The request is based on 60% of the Area Median Income which increased 6% this year. This is used to determine the suggested contribution for the homemaker services, money management program and home delivered meals program. A motion to approved the adjusted income scale was approved.

Ms. Coates reported that the Budget Committee met on March 5th. Copies of the presentation are available to all who may be interested and questions on the County Manager's proposed budget can be directed to Carl Brooks or Jim Baker.

IV. Chair's Report

Jim Feaster

Chair Feaster reported that the Power Point presentations for the Age-Friendly Arlington listening sessions have been sent. He encouraged commissioners to look at the list of targeted groups and volunteer as able.

Chair Feaster noted the Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 26th. He noted the April Commission meeting will feature a discussion on zoning, including assisted living facilities and accessory dwelling units.

V. Announcements and Public Comment

The DHS 50th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled form March 27th at 10am. Ms. Coates will send details to the commissioners.

Ms. Coates noted that long-time commissioner Wilson has asked to resign for personal reasons and recruitment will begin for the vacate seat.

Commissioner Beversdorf noted the Arlington Independent Media (AIM) is slated for another 5% budget cut this year. She noted that AIM is working to be more known in the community and will host a series of open houses this spring. Cheryl noted she will send invitations to the commissioners.

Commissioner Hines noted that the Arts are also slated for a significant cut this year that will impact scenery and costume operations that many groups depend on.

Mr. Baker noted that the public budget hearing is scheduled for April 2nd and the Public tax hearing is schedule for April 4th.

Commission Sutton announced that the Virginia Hospital Center Healthy Aging program will offer a screening and panel discussion on Being Mortal on Wednesday April 3rd. She also noted that this month's healthy aging lecture will be on Colon Cancer awareness.

VI. Adjournment at 1:18 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday April 15th 9:00am-11:00 am
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