



ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

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**Meeting Summary
April 15, 2019**

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Valerie Crotty, Senator Barbara Favola

MEMBERS ABSENT: Duke Taylor

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

GUESTS: Angela Chadbourne, Erica Wood, Cynthia Davis, Tom Daly, Laurie Young, Mitch Opalski, Jim Morris, Claire Jacobsen, Mike Goldberg, Jennifer Collins, Jennifer McKinney Acheson, Joan McDermott, Angelina Rotella, Paul Carswell, Nick Rogers, Joel Franklin, Tim Murphy

I. Networking

II. Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.

- III. Presentation on Zoning for Future Housing for Older Adults by Nick Rogers, Principal Planner, Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development**
Mr. Rogers shared an overview of a zoning study that is underway. The goal of the study is to update the zoning ordinance to address elder care uses, including Continuum of Care, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing facilities. The study is currently in a data collection phase, with a goal to have it complete and presented to the Board by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Rogers reported that part of the process will be community engagements, which includes returning to the Commission on Aging, to evaluate the completeness of the plan prior to requesting adoption.

Update on Accessory Dwelling Units by Joel Franklin and Timothy Murphy, Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development

Mr. Franklin and Mr. Murphy presented an update on their study regarding new Accessory Dwelling Units. Their study primarily focused on setbacks, looking at the impact of 1 ft, 5 ft, and 10 ft setback requirements for these units. They reported they will be recommending 5ft as the standard setback for new Accessory Dwelling Units. More information can be found on the County website located [here](#).

IV. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were unanimously approved as written.

V. Chair's Report

Jim Feaster

Chair Feaster reported that the Executive Committee met last month to review the planned listening session for Age-friendly Arlington. He noted when possible teams of two presenters are preferred. He also highlighted the topic of the May Commission meeting which will focus on accessibility and will include an ADA Tour of the Sequoia Campus and a Mobility Tours of the neighborhood using wheelchairs.

VI. Staff Reports

Rachel Coates

AAA Reports

Ms. Coates reported that the AAA is beginning work on our 4-year Area Plan, which outlines our plan for how we use the Federal Funds allocated to our AAA. Ms. Coates noted we use information gathered throughout the year and from the Community Engagement Forum to shape our programs and service delivery. The report is due in July and we will share updates over the next few months and the final report upon completion.

Ms. Coates reported that May is Older American's Month and directed the Commission to the handout listing some of the planned events, noting the list is not comprehensive.

Ms. Coates noted the handouts providing updates from the Community Engagement Forum, the first being the information collected in the breakout sessions and the second an executive summary. She noted the files will be sent electronically. Ms. King presented a PowerPoint overview of additional data from the Community Engagement Forum, specifically focusing on the Age Friendly Arlington Survey results. Ms. Bah-Duckenfield encouraged committees to meet in the community whenever possible to engage a more diverse representation of the community. Commissioner Hines suggested investigating a location in South Arlington for the 2020 Community Engagement Forum.

ADSD Reports

Ms. Bah-Duckenfield noted key initiatives for 2020 will focus around eviction prevention, and social isolation. She also noted the guardianship program has been restructured and she will bring more information to a future meeting.

Mr. Baker reported that the budget decision/markup session is planned for Thursday, April 18th from 5-7pm and the 2020 budget will be adopted at the April 23rd County Board Meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. **Executive** (Jim Feaster): see Chair's report.
- b. **Housing and Community Supports** (Cyndy Schneider): Commission Schneider reported that the committee met in March and reviewed the Affordable Housing Plan along with the Elder Readiness Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 4pm.
- c. **Legislative** (Herschel Kanter): Commissioner Kanter noted that the NVAN brainstorming session is planned for Tuesday, April 16th at 9am.
- d. **Positive Aging, Inclusion and Enrichment** (Linc Cummings): Commissioner Cummings reported that the committee be part of the April 17th Earth Day event at the Arlington Mill Senior Center and that is working to schedule listening sessions at the other senior centers.
- e. **Public Information and Outreach** (Gwendolyn Sutton): Commissioner Sutton reported that the PIO committee now meets on the 4th Monday at 2pm.
- f. **Transportation, Safety and Accessibility** (Cragg Hines): Commissioner Hines reported that Jason Stanford, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, presented at the transportation committee, focused on what the 2019 legislative session accomplishments. He also noted the presentation looked toward the future with topics that included a 2nd Potomac River bridge crossing as an example.

VIII. Liaison Reports

- a. **Age-Friendly Arlington** (Laurie Young): Ms. Young reported that there is a listening session scheduled at Culpepper Garden on April 17th at 1:30pm and feedback from other events have been completed and the documentation is saved online. There was a discussion about the AARP survey and Ms. Young asked if the AAA Survey had been translated to Spanish.
- b. **Alexandria Commission on Aging** (Mitch Opalski/Linc Cummings): Mr. Opalski noted Alexandria's Commission on Aging is addressing many of the same topics as Arlington. He

noted their Commission has invited Arlington to participate on their Diversity Committee and encouraged the Commission to send someone to liaise with their group.

- c. **Alliance for Senior Programs/Senior Adult Council** (Andrea Walker): Ms. Jennifer Collins report that the Office of Senior Adult Programs is in the process of hiring for vacancies and also noted EarthFest on April 17th at Arlington Mill.
- d. **Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV)** (Wendy Zenker): Mike Goldberg reported that the ANV 5 year anniversary celebration is scheduled for May 3rd. All are invited to the celebration.
- e. **Coalition to Improve Advanced Care (CIAC)** (Joan McDermott): Ms. McDermott reported that CIAC has scheduled a certification training for their Respecting Choices program. The training is scheduled for May 14th and at least 3 additional trainees are needed.
- f. **Commonwealth Council on Aging** (Erica Wood): Ms. Wood reported that the Virginia Commonwealth Council on Aging met March 13 in Richmond to hear public input on their draft four-year plan on aging service. NVAN provided comment to the draft, adding comments about liveable communities. The Council met after to debrief on the listening session. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10th.
- g. **Emergency Planning Advisory Commission** (Valerie Crotty): No report.
- h. **Lee Highway Alliance** (Cragg Hines): Commissioner Hines reported that the Alliance continues to engage with the community and share plans as they become available.
- i. **NOVA Falls Prevention Alliance** (Sara Pappas): No report
- j. **Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (Jim Feaster): Chair Feaster highlighted the Walk Arlington program of activities.
- k. **Steering Committee/Older Persons** (Cheryl Beversdorf): Commissioner Beversdorf reported that the committee is scheduled to meet next on May 17th at 10:00am and will feature an Older American's Month theme.
- l. **Transit Advisory Committee** (Herschel Kanter): No report

IX. Old Business

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Commissioner Villanigro-Sanitago reported that she attended the Human Rights Forum last Saturday. She noted many participants commented about the lack of programming when working individuals can attend. She also noted there needs to be attention to inclusiveness of the non-English speaking population. Ms. Collins shared that OSAP now offers evening and weekend programs.

XI. Announcements and Public Comment

Commissioner Beversdorf extended thanks to all who attended the Open House at Arlington Independent Media. She noted two upcoming opportunities on April 27th and April 30th for those interested in attending.

Mr. Morris noted Senior Law Day is scheduled for May 13th and will be held at the Walter Reed Senior Center.

XII. Adjournment at 11:01 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 17, 2019 at 9am at
ALTERNATIVE LOCATION
VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER
1701 N. George Mason Drive
John T. Hazel Conference Center (Zone B)**

Arlington, VA 22205

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