

**Commission on Aging  
Aging in Place Committee  
Meeting Notes  
September 9, 2014  
9:00-11:00am, 401 Hungerford**

**Commission members:** Miriam Kelty, Noelle Heyman, Isabelle Schoenfeld, Sue Guenther, Austin Heyman, Spencer Schron

**Staff:** Pazit Aviv

**Guests:** Harriet Shapiro, Connie Raab, Mary Lou Shannon

Topic	Discussion Points	Suggestions and Action Items
<b>9:00am-9:10am</b> Welcome and Introductions		
<b>9:10am-9:30am</b> Summer Studies	Though Summer Study reports have yet to be presented to the Executive Committee Miriam shared insights from the Planning Board Summer Study and Noelle shared findings and a few recommendations from the Caregiving Summer Study with the AIPC.	Prioritize final recommendations that impact on the Senior Agenda for discussion during the October meeting.

<p><b>9:30am-10:55am</b>  <b>Review Decisions</b>  <b>and Action Items</b>  <b>from June</b>  <b>Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Transportation:</b> RideOn buses now have “Connect-a-Ride” signs posted inside. Cross walks still require standardization and resolution of visibility issues. The location of the “stop” line varies, overgrown bushes impeded visibility.</p> <p><b>Housing:</b> Monitor the numbers of permits issued. Affordability was at top of mind. Discussion about the possibility of rehabbing current older buildings not in use for Senior housing. New England states are beginning to rehab older buildings with success. AIM is beginning to think about affordable housing for seniors. AIPC wondered about current tax incentives for developers and discussed the fact that Design for Life is a voluntary program. Emergency Preparedness was discussed in terms of fire safety in high rise buildings. HOC transition is overseen by Christopher Donald.</p> <p><b>Villages/NORCs:</b> Pazit shared an update on her recent work: a meeting of the BCC Villages (9) last week to help Villages learn more about their neighbors and to introduce the possibility of working together to conserve resources, Health and Wellness Committee visited the Muslim Community Center and Mona’s village during their meeting earlier this month, cities of Rockville, Gaithersburg and Damascus now have villages forming as well. Noted: in some culturally diverse areas the term “village” won’t resonate as well as “extended family” might, advocating for availability of County space for Villages. NORCs and their needs were discussed as was outreach to NORCs to determine assistance we might provide.</p> <p><b>Legislative/Public Policy:</b> no funding for Community for a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Elaine</li> <li>• Talk with Jeff Dunckle about our expectations and monitoring.</li> <li>• Review Housing Maryland Report.</li> <li>• Learn the status of current housing groups (County and State).</li> <li>• Learn about the Montgomery County incentives for developers.</li> <li>• Talk with Montgomery County Fire and Safety personnel about older residents in high rises and their plans for handling emergencies in those buildings.</li> <li>• Talk with Christopher Donald about how</li> </ul>
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	<p>Lifetime. Tax relief program for seniors—what is the status? Do people need help completing the applications? Who manages this process? Also, is it time for a professional update on the Towson Study—funding would be needed, our advocacy could help.</p>	<p>HOC is approaching the transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pazit will present a 2 page report at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Invite Beth Shapiro to share what she's learned about NORCs.</li> <li>• Public Policy to advocate for funding of Community for a Lifetime.</li> <li>• Did the tax relief program for seniors pass?</li> <li>• How many applications received for the Senior Tax Relief Program?</li> </ul>
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<b>10:55am-11:00am</b>	Pazit shared Odile's update.	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Next Meeting is October 14, 2014	