

Commission on Aging
Aging in Community Committee
December 10, 2024
9:30 am-11:30 am

“Update on MoCo Technology Programs and Next Steps on Affordable Housing Initiatives”

Join Zoom Meeting

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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introduction, mention of areas of interests of Commissioners**
- **Review and Approval of the November 12, 2024, Meetings minutes.**
- **Meeting Overview (Wayne and Betsy):** At this meeting, we will be following up from the full Commission on Aging meeting to delve into Multi-Generational Caregiving. We will also continue our discussion on actions that the AIC can take on Affordable Housing.
- **Presentations and Discussion:**
Ruth Kershner, LCSW-C, Caregiving Support Program Manager, Montgomery
- **Business Meeting:**
 - Continue discussions on potential actions and possible affordable housing working groups. (see attached discussion sheet with list)
 - Updates from the County.
 - Other Business
- **Next Scheduled Meeting:** January 14, 2025.
Featured Topic: “TBD”

ATTACHMENT

Actions for AIC Work Group on Affordable Housing

RATIONALE

We discussed this at a recent AIC meeting, that commissioners did not want to take on the whole housing issue as they felt it is too big for a volunteer group like us. I heard from the AIC that they would prefer to take on something small and have some success. A working group could be willing to tackle one or two smaller issues. A working group that can focus on something small, and achievable, can be of use in this regard. A small group to focus on few small initiatives, including from the AIC FY 26 budget priorities would be a good place to start.

For example, easier to achieve:

1. Work on the development and implementation at Montgomery College of certification materials for two possible programs:
 - a. On Universal Design
 - b. Revive a curriculum to train property managers on how to make existing housing for older adults more accessible, affordable, and available. We could prepare a draft outline for such training courses and maybe secure some funding from a developer or philanthropy.
2. Work with the County on the development and dissemination of multilingual and accessible information regarding rental housing, including know your rights training for older people.
3. Become engaged in the effort to update / revise the Design for Life program in the County.

Clarify whether these initiatives are being accomplished by others:

1. Understand the positions of other groups in the County who are interested in the affordable housing issue. For example, contact the MoCo Housing Alliance and the Renters Alliance to better understand their positions and work-to-date on affordable housing.
2. Develop a list of contacts of who the developers and managers of affordable property are in Montgomery County.
3. Follow-up on HOC Advocacy issues.
4. In the late winter / spring of 2025, review, comment, and/or advocate on County legislation regarding Attainable Housing and / or the Moderately Priced-Senior Living Program. Draft some thoughts for the Department of Planning to consider and to help develop criteria that may be used for a user-friendly tool for analysis of the Attainable Housing Report, including all zoning changes, bills brought before the County Council, and all master plans that go before the Planning Commission