

AGING IN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of the May 14, 2024, Meeting
9:30 am to 11:30 am

“CoA Budget Priority Planning Part #1”

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 9:30AM

Commissioners In Attendance: Wayne Berman (co-chair), Betsy Carrier (co-Chair), Laurie Pross, Mary Sweeney, Mona Grieser, Linda Bergofsky, Barbara Selter, Joyce Dubow, Kate Stein, Sibon Nicube, Rena Eichler, Marsha Weber

Staff: Jennifer Long, MoCo

Guests: Sarah Fought, (JCA, Jewish Council for the Aging);

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CO-CHAIRS: Wayne and Betsy welcomed everyone and introduced today’s meeting and the featured presenters. At this meeting we will do the following:

- Briefing and discussion on the Public Forum on May 16th
- Planning for the AIC work agenda for the remainder the 2024. Including:
 - Housing for Older Adults
 - Transportation
 - Villages
 - Design for Life / Universal Design
 - Multigenerational Caregiving
 - Technology
 - Solo Aging
 - Other Ideas
- Begin to formulate the CoA budget priorities for 2025.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes for the April 9th, AIC meeting was reviewed and approved.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS:

Wayne and Betsy reviewed the upcoming Public Forum entitled "**Reimagining Housing for Older Adults – Ideas and Actions to make Housing Available, Affordable, and Accessible.**" Wayne went through the agenda (see attached) in detail and answered any questions posed by the committee.

After a lengthy review of the Public Forum with question, Wayne and Betsy moved on to start the discussions for developing and AIC agenda for the remainder of 2024. While no final decisions have been made, a listing of the items proposed and discussed follows:

- Multi-generational caregiving
 - Mary Sweeney– presented her situation of caring for and elderly mother and a disabled sibling. Questions were raised as to what the services are available to help in non-emergency situations.
 - Kate Stein also presented her situation.
 - What kind of support is there from the County?
 - Lots of discussion over what multi-generational care means and what can be the focus for the AIC and H & W committees.

- Betsy - Village issues with oldest people in Village – no support groups for the oldest of the old. Support is needed.
- Laurie mentioned support for people in Village who are older. See Village-to-Village Network.
- Generational caregiving is important.
- Work with H & W to develop some actions and advocacy agenda.
- How does the new Kelty bill affect this.
- There was some discussion about focusing some committee attention on Assisted Living
- Promote new guidelines from County on MPDU for older adults. Review and comment on new guidelines.
 - Good possibilities for advancing.
 - Off shoot of Forum.
- Transportation
 - Follow up on Rec issues.
- Solo Aging
 - What are resources in the county?
 - Invite Steve Gurney?
- Renter Issues
 - Make sure that renting is affordable and accessible and equitable.
 - Need support for older.
 - Renters' rights
- Work and Agism
 - Enforcing anti-discrimination
- Reframing aging
 - MD Philanthropy Network
 - MD Dept of Aging
- Cross-cutting issues
 - Learn From other committees.
 - Learn from the Ambassadors program.
- Suburban Hospital Needs assessment aimed at Villages (Betsy to follow up)
- Help advance the Kelty bill and consortium work

No decisions have been made regarding the future agenda items. Many felt that the outcome of the housing public forum will yield additional agenda action activities for the AIC. This will be part of the discussions at the June meeting.

BUDGET / ADVOCACY AGENDA

With time becoming short, there was not much opportunity to discuss budget and advocacy opportunities for the AIC for FY 2025. This will be addressed in more detail at the June AIC meeting.

Pazit and Betsy did raise the issue of the AIC / CoAing advocacy for gap funding for the Village Consortium bill (aka the Kelty bill) recently passed by the State legislature. The State funding does not become available until FY 2025; however, there is a need now for funding the work of the consortium in FY 2024. Pazit will look further into the matter but suggested that the CoA ma want to write a letter advocating for the urgency of funding the village consortium as soon as possible.

BUSINESS MEETING: As time was limited, a short business meeting followed at which these items were discussed:

- Pazit gave a brief update of County and Village activities, that also included an update on legislation.
- Wayne encouraged everyone to attend the Public Forum and please try to arrive by 9:00 am.

UPCOMING MEETING: Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 11, 2024. We will be discussing the upcoming budget priorities. We will also begin to identify priority topics for the AIC to take on beginning in September 2024.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 11:25 am



**The Montgomery County Commission on Aging
AGENDA**

**"Reimagining Housing for Older Adults –
Ideas and Actions to make Housing Available, Affordable, and Accessible."**

May 16, 2024, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Montgomery County Executive Office Building, Rockville, MD

- 9:30 Welcome and Forum Overview:** David Engel, Chair Montgomery County Commission on Aging
- Patrice McGhee PhD, Chief, Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services
 - Kimberly Johnson PhD, Director, Montgomery County Area Agency on Aging
 - Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive
- 9:45 Video Vignettes:** Short videos from older adults regarding their perspective on housing.
- 10:00 Keynote Addresses:** Moderator: Wayne Berman, Commissioner
- Samar Jha MPA, LLM, Government Affairs Director, AARP
 - Linna Zhu, PhD, Senior Research Associate, Urban Institute Housing Finance Policy Center
- 10:45 Session #1: Status, Trends, Challenges, & Opportunities for Montgomery County Housing**
- Moderator: Somer Cross, Chief of Housing, Department of Housing and Community Affairs
 - Carrie Sanders, Mid-County Planning Chief, Maryland National Capital Park, and Planning Commission
 - Zachary Marks, Senior VP, Real Estate, Housing Opportunities Commission
 - Simin Rasoleen, Manager, Montgomery County Office of Permitting Services
 - Jeff Blackwell, Senior VP, Real Estate Development, Victory Housing
 - Alan Goldstein, VP, Real Estate Development, Affordable Homes and Communities
 - Sarah Reddinger, VP, Community Development, Habitat for Humanity
- 11:40 Introduction to the Afternoon Session: Innovation to Action**
- Kate Stein, Commissioner
- 11:45 Box Lunch (compliments of the Senior Nutrition Program) – Marla Caplon**
- 12:15 Remarks by Scott Gottbreht, Assistant Secretary of Policy, MD Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs**
- 12:30 Remarks from County Council Members (Invited)**
- 12:45 Session #2: Innovation to Action – Creating more affordable, accessible, and available housing for older adults in Montgomery County**
- Overview and Expectations: Julia Derrigo, Moderator
- 2:00 Wrap-up: A Conversation on Key Take-aways from the Forum and Action Steps to Move Us Forward**
- Moderator: Julia Derrigo
- 2:20 Adjournment:** David Engel