

**COMMISSION on AGING  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MAY 15, 2024**

**9:30-11:00a.m.**

**Attendance:**

**David Engel**

**Wayne Berman**

**Yvette Monroe**

**Kate Stein**

**Jean Dinwiddie**

**Beverly Rollins**

**Pazit Aviv**

**Betsy Carrier**

**Morris Klein**

**Laurie Pross**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer's Report: David Engel announced that our balance is \$2313.74.**

**A discussion ensued concerning the most appropriate method for the Commission to express its appreciation and to honor the memory of Austin Heyman. After some deliberation, consensus was arrived at and the Commission will send a donation of \$72 (a multiple of the number 18 which signifies "life" in Hebrew) to InterAges in his memory and a note will be sent to the family. Some consideration**

may be given to re-naming the Lifetime Achievement award in his name.

Pazit Aviv gave an update on the Consortium. It is the 501-C-3 entity which began with 7-8 Villages and is what she describes as an “experiment”. The Kelty bill( which passed recently) supports this Consortium in its efforts to improve back office functionality, to provide better access to resources and to generally allow new and less robust Villages to operate more efficiently. The present situation is” messy” partially because funding has been choppy: the three years of funding will not begin until 2026. There is an acute need for funding of the operation for 2025 as the initial MDOA funding runs out very soon. On a positive note, there is a person on staff who has grant-writing experience/know-how and in the near future, the Consortium may be in a position to offer assistance to all Villages in the County with their grant-writing efforts.

Wayne Berman gave a brief overview of the state of the Forum. He reviewed the agenda, encouraged everyone to attend, to participate actively, to network during lunch and to avail ourselves of the post-it notes to submit ideas.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A preparatory meeting regarding nursing home inspections will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup> and a meeting with the Health Department is scheduled for May 21.

Kate Stein offered a suggestion for a revised method of addressing Advocacy generally and budget priorities in particular. Overall, the plan attempts to broaden our requests, to open the possibility of appealing to more Councilmembers while allowing the Commission

to focus on cross-cutting issues that surface in separate committees. It continues to allow the Commissioners to engage in private voting during the budget preparatory period but places the Public Policy Committee in the role of “ guide” through the process since many of the elements of budgetary priorities involve the legislative process. With a platform approach such as this, the priorities could be issues-driven. A question was raised concerning the small number of budget priorities to which the Commission is asked to limit itself- specifically 2. David Engel indicated that there is both a time constraint when we present the budget requests to the Council and there is the desire to focus on what we feel is most relevant/ where we can be most effective. There may be a need to extend voting by 30 days.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

On June 11 at Holiday Park Senior Center there will be a celebration of WEAAD.

On May 28 GROWS will host a joint Reframing Aging event with MDOA at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.