

APPROVED Minutes  
College Park Aging-in-Place Task Force  
August 3, 2015  
City Hall

Attendees

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barnes, Helen - Dist. 3		<u>X</u>
Blumenthal, Judy - Dist. 1		<u>X</u>
Brennan, PJ. - Dist. 2	<u>X</u>	
Dorsch, David - Dist. 3	<u>X</u>	
Ealley, Lisa - Dist. 1	<u>X</u>	
Ireton, Chuck - Dist. 2		<u>X</u>
Kabir, Fazlul - Dist. 1	<u>X</u>	
Keer, David - Dist. 1		<u>X</u>
Mitchell, Denise. - Dist. 4	<u>X</u>	
Nowlin, Darlene – Dist. 4	<u>X</u>	
Sanders, Cory – Dist. 1		<u>X</u>
Wojahn, Patrick - Dist. 1	<u>X</u>	

Also present:

Laura Salers, Secretary  
Peggy Higgins, Staff Liaison  
Angela Burns, Seniors Program Manager  
Lindsey Anderson, UMCP Faculty  
Dr. Carol Nezzo, Helping Neighbors group

Call to Order

Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:51 pm. Members in attendance reviewed the minutes from the June 4, 2015 meeting. Mr. Dorsch made a motion to approve as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ealley and unanimously approved.

Agenda

Mr. Dorsch made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ealley and unanimously approved.

Briefing by Dr Carol Nezzo

Dr. Carol Nezzo, reminded the Task Force of her April meeting with residents in Greenbelt, which was attended by 65 seniors and advocates. She has left the Aging in Place ad hoc committee and is focusing her efforts on working directly with seniors who need help. Her group is called Helping Neighbors. Dr. Nezzo stressed the importance of growing a volunteer force to help provide services to seniors. Her recommendation for the city of College Park is to have a fulltime staff person dedicated to senior services within 2016. Ms. Mitchell shared with Dr. Nezzo that the city currently employs Angela Burns as a Seniors Program Manager. Ms. Mitchell also explained that the AIP Task Force will be making

recommendations to the Mayor and City Council based on the results of the survey. Ms. Mitchell thanked Dr. Nezzo for sharing her ideas and suggestions with the committee.

#### **Briefing by Ms. Lindsey Anderson, UMD School of Communication**

Lindsey Anderson is involved in intergenerational communication research as a junior faculty member of the University of Maryland. She has created a 3 credit class titled "Communicating the Narrative." She explained that her class focuses on teaching students how to ethically collect narratives, quantify the information and report on it effectively. Ms. Anderson would like her students to engage with the College Park community, collecting narratives/life stories, which could compliment the Task Forces survey data. She suggests if our survey yields a common issue, her class could focus on that and dig deeper, exploring the issue within the community. Ms. Mitchell thanked Ms. Anderson for presenting her information and for her interest in assisting the Task Force.

#### **Outreach for Senior Day**

Ms. Burns gave an update on the health fair for seniors which will take place on September 16, 2015 from noon until 2:00 pm at the Old Parish House. Shoppers Food Warehouse will be providing flu shots. The College Park Lions Club may be providing glaucoma and vision screenings. Mr. Wojahn will look into getting a vendor to discuss legal services with the seniors. Ms. Burns will email an announcement to the members and asked for their help in distributing it to the community.

#### **City of College Park Task Force Survey**

Ms. Higgins reported a total of 214 online surveys and 60 handwritten surveys were received as of May 31. A brief discussion took place to determine how to have the handwritten surveys entered into Survey Monkey. Mr. Dorsch made a motion to hire a city employee to enter the data prior to the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wojahn and unanimously approved. After all surveys are in Survey Monkey, Ms. Higgins will email the results to the Task Force.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next AIP meeting is Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:45 PM.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Wojahn made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.