

Minutes
College Park Aging-in-Place Task Force
September 30, 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>	
Kabir, Fazlul - 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:

Peggy Higgins, Staff Liaison
Laura Salers, Secretary
Carol Nezzo, community member
Fatima Knight, CP Seniors Program Case Worker
Thelma Martin, Senior's Place Director

Call to Order

Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm and presented the agenda. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Mr. Brennan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ealley and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 3, 2015 meeting were reviewed and two corrections were noted. Mr. Brennan made a motion to approve with corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ealley and unanimously approved.

Announcements

-Ms. Higgins noted that the grand total of surveys received and recorded is 303.

-Ms. Higgins introduced Fatima Knight, part-time case worker for the City, working with residents of Attick Towers and Spellman House. A discussion ensued regarding how community members at large are informed of available services. Ms. Ealley was contacted by a community senior who was frustrated

in her quest for services in College Park. Ms. Higgins requested the residents contact information so that she could follow up with the resident.

-Mr. Brennan asked for a few moments to reflect and remember a dedicated Task Force member and great neighbor, Chuck Ireton, who passed away unexpectedly on September 8.

Review of Draft Recommendation Plan

-The AIP Committee will work to formulate a report to present to the City Council. There is currently a draft outline on Google Docs and a draft distributed by Ms. Higgins. Mr. Brennan will combine the two and Ms. Higgins will email it to the group.

-It was suggested that neighboring aging in place town models and seniors programs be added to the outline.

-Ms. Mitchell would like comments by October 9.

-Ms. Nowlin and Ms. Barnes will focus on compiling resources, and Mr. Wojahn will focus on summarizing unmet needs, using the survey results as reference.

-The fully formed outline will be reviewed at the next meeting on October 12 and sections will be assigned to Task Force members for final editing.

Next Steps – Presentation of Recommendation Plan to Mayor and Council at the October 20th Work Session

This agenda item is tabled until the October 12th meeting.

Recommendations for Chair and Co-Chair of the Committee

Ms. Mitchell advised the Task Force members to begin considering representatives for a Chair and Co-Chair in the event that the City Council moves to form an Aging in Place Committee.

New Business

Ms. Thelma Martin introduced herself and told the Task Force about her residential facility, called Senior's Place, which she has run in a College Park home for 15 years. All of the residents in her care are over 50 years of age and have a mental disability. Ms. Martin offered to help the Task Force in any way she can.

David Keer has resigned from the Aging in Place Task Force.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12. Mr. Brennan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ealley. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.