

**College Park Seniors Committee  
Virtual Meeting  
April 6, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Final Minutes**

**Seniors Committee Members:**

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1. Woei-Nan Bair		<b>X</b>
2. Ann Bolduc		<b>X</b>
3. Adele Ellis	<b>X</b> 7:18 p.m.	
4. Carol Gray		<b>X</b>
5. Mary Anne Hakes	<b>X</b>	
6. Janet Hawley	<b>X</b>	
7. Carissa Janis	<b>X</b>	
8. Bonnie McClellan		<b>X</b>
9. Darlene Nowlin	<b>X</b>	
10. Arelis Perez		<b>X</b>
11. Robert Thurston	<b>X</b>	

**Also present** : Rachel Friedman, UMD; Joi Woods, Contract Secretary

**I. Call to Order**

Mary Anne Hakes called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes- March 2, 2022**

**Darlene Nowlin** motioned to approve the minutes from **March 2, 2022** as written. **Robert Thurston** seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**III. City of College Park updates**

- 1) Mary Anne Hakes provided city updates on behalf of Kiaisha Barber College Park UMD partnership
  - a. The Neighborhood Presevation Trust grant allotment for First-time homebuyers was increased.
- 2) Pursuit of affordable housing for seniors  
The committee discussed:
  - a. The city is exploring options to convert the lot (on Calvert Road & Rhode Island Ave) using the Universal Design Concept
  - b. Exploring opportunities to gain support from The Neighborhood Persevation Trust to establish affordable housing for residents who are aging in place.

- 3) City Staff
  - a. The city is recruiting a Racial Equity Officer
  - b. Youth and Family Services has acquired two new Case Workers

#### **IV. Neighbors Helping Neighbors College Park (NHN-CP)**

Janet Hawley provided an update about current goals and priorities.

- A. Village Rides
  - 1) Participation in required training to provide rides
  
  - 1) Volunteer recruitment is underway
  - 2) NHN-CP has identified potential residents to offer services to once volunteers are secured.

#### **V. AARP Livability update**

- A. AARP Livability kick-off event will be held in conjunction with the Friday Night Live Summer Series 5/13/22 6:30 p.m.
  - 1) Kiaisha Barber will follow with Kevin **Blackerby** about event participation, and parameters. The committee is pursuing opportunities for volunteer recruitment and promoting the current efforts of the Senior Advisory Committee, NHN-CP, and the AARP Livability initiative during the event.
    - a. AARP Livability Consultants are available 5/4/22 to meet with the committee to review elements of the draft action plan.
    - b. Next steps following the AARP Livability Kick -off event include meeting with potential volunteers, has been rescheduled for 5/13/22.

#### **VI. Expiring Appointments**

- A. Committee members with expiring terms have the option to re-apply to be committee members. The following members have expiring terms at the end of June 2022.
  - 1) Ann Bolduc
  - 2) Mary Anne Hakes
  - 3) Bonnie McClellan

B. Mary Anne Hakes announced upcoming elections for new Committee Co-chairs.

#### **VII. Summer Events**

The Committee discussed potential events to maintain visibility

- A. Partnering with the city to sponsor a local blues event during the City's Friday Night Live Summer Series. Mary Anne Hakes will follow up with Kevin **Blackerby**
  
- B. Partnering with College Park Scholars to host technology learning sessions

#### **XI. Next Meeting: May 4, 2022, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

The committee discussed the AARP Livability Consultants attending the May meeting.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

**Janet Hawley motioned to adjourn the meeting . Adele Ellis seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

