

**College Park Seniors Committee
Virtual Meeting
May 5, 2021
7:00 PM**

Draft Minutes

Seniors Committee Members:

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1. Woei-Nan Bair	X	
2. Ann Bolduc		X
3. Pedro Manuel Guevara-Cordova		X
4. Adele Ellis	X	
5. Carol Gray		X
6. Mary Anne Hakes	X	
7. Bonnie McClellan	X	
8. Darlene Nowlin	X	
9. Arelis Perez	X	
10. Robert Thurston	X	

Also present :

Kiaisha Barber, Director of Youth and Family Services; Eric Olson, CP-CUP; Valerie Woodall, CP-CUP

I. Call to Order

Mary Anne Hakes called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Kiaisha Barber agreed to take minutes in the absence of Joi Woods, Contract Secretary.

II. Guest speaker- Eric Olson and Valerie Woodall CP-CUP Vision 2030

Eric Olson and Valerie Woodall of College Park City-University Partnership presented information about the Vision 2030 Plan and priorities for 2021 including the Key Areas of Focus.

1. Education
2. Equity and Sustainability
3. Neighborhood Preservation and Development
4. Public Health and Safety
5. Transportation and Mobility

Discussion highlights included:

- Committee members shared concerns about the absence of and the need for specific goals to address Senior Housing needs and living accommodations for seniors aging in place in the Vision 2030 Plan. An intentional focus on senior

initiatives and inclusion for residents with disabilities was noted as opportunities to **enhance the current plan.**

- Partnerships with the AARP Livability workgroup and similar groups
- Including input from Senior residents regarding 2022 city development priorities
- Recommended focus on increasing access to health care services in College Park. **Improving health care access in College Park was also noted as a focus for the AARP Livability workgroup**
- Placemaking efforts including a Riverwalk in East College Park
- Sharing community survey data previously collected by CP-CUP
- Plans to establish a housing trust
- Exploring option to potentially establishing senior and cross-generational housing

The committee later discussed making formal recommendations to the Mayor and City Council to enhance the language throughout the Vision 2030 Plan to be inclusive of Senior Housing needs. **A copy of the presentation will be provided to committee members.**

III. Approval of Agenda- May 5, 2021

Arelis Perez motioned to approve the agenda. Bonnie McClellan seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Arelis Perez motioned to approve the minutes from April 7, 2021 as amended. Robert Thurston seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

V. City and Senior Program updates

Kiaisha Barber provided city updates:

- Natasha Hampton, incoming City Manager new as of June 1, 2021
- Senior Program operations continue from the UM Church, Spellman House, and Attick
- Towers until new space permits are secured and construction reconvenes
- Kiaisha Barber will provide an e-mail update the committee about the new tree ordinance

VI. AARP Livability update

- Robert Thurston met with Bridgette Johnson, Economic Development Manager on 5/3/2021

- CPCUP Director expressed awareness of the AARP Livability domains during the Vision 2030 presentation
- The AARP Livability Workgroup will continue to meet during the summer

VII. Legislative Update-Mary Anne Hakes

- \$250,000 grant approval for Meals on Wheels in College Park and surrounding cities
- Senate Bill 496 Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act
- House Bill 28, Equity Bill, health equity and bias training for health care professionals
- Related actions on Climate solutions, tree plantings, and environmental considerations
- \$2,000,000 Bond Bill Funding for HACCP (Housing Authority City of College Park - Attick Towers) was awarded by the state of Maryland

VIII. Route One Communities Care update, Corridor Conversations update, Senior Art Show

A. Corridor Conversations

- Route One Communities Care is conducting a restaurant survey and gathering contact information to ensure that information about available grant funding is provided. **Bonnie McClellan also noted that Bridgette Johnson, Economic Development Manager, and Mayor Wojahn met with CKAR and shared contact information for local restaurants.**
- Mary Anne Hakes shared highlights about Corridor Conversations' April event.
- A video of last the conversation is on the website for Hyattsville Aging in Place. **The next event is scheduled for 5/22/2021**
- Bonnie McClellan noted nearly \$3000 raised during the Art Show

IX. Additional Discussion

A. Summer 2021 Projects

- Cross-generational housing information
- Carol Gray, will continue to work on the Senior Directory project

B. Attendance & Membership

- The committee discussed committee absenteeism. **Kiaisha Barber will follow up with Clerk's Office to contact members who have not participated in meetings.**

C. Committee Vacancy

- One Committee vacancy exists

D. Proposed Tree Program

- Grants and other funding support to supplement tree removal costs for low income and senior residents

- Making recommendations to Mayor and City Council to make the Tree Program user friendly for Senior Residents.
- Including information about the Tree **Program** in the Senior Newsletter
- Kaisha Barber will forward information to the committee about the program

X. Next Meeting: October 6, 2021 7:00-9:00 p.m.

- The committee discussed potential guests
- Michelle Johnson, Executive Director of Attick Towers for the Housing Authority
- Habitat for Humanity Representative
- **Natasha Hampton, City Manager**
- Community Members

XI. Adjournment

Arelis Perez motioned to adjourn the meeting . Darlene Nowlin seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.