

**College Park Seniors Committee
Virtual Meeting
July 15, 2020
7:00 PM**

Final Minutes

Seniors Committee Members:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ann Bolduc	X (Departed 7:53 pm)	
Pedro Manuel Guevara-Cordova	X (Joined 7:27 pm)	
Mary Anne Hakes	X	
Bonnie McClellan	X	
Darlene Nowlin	X (Joined 7:17 pm)	
Arelis Perez	X	
Lynn Topp		X
Robert Thurston		X

Also present:

John Payne, Neighbors Helping Neighbors College Park (Departed 7: 25 pm); Kiaisha Barber, Director of Youth and Family Services; Carol Gray, Potential Member, Resident; Joi Woods, Contract Secretary

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Hakes called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

A. Attendance

- Mrs. Hakes noted that Ms. Topp and Mr. Thurston would not be attending the July meeting.

II. Old Business

A. Neighbors Helping Neighbors College Park (NHN-CP) Mr. Payne provided an update:

- Errands are available, ride services are not available due to COVID-19 exposure risks.
- Setbacks caused by COVID-19 that prevent volunteers from offering assistance due to increased exposure risks. The majority of volunteers are among one of the risk groups. Service requests are made by 3 - 4 residents on a consistent basis.

- Decrease in requests for rides
- Increase for contactless grocery delivery assistance
- The Rotary Club contacted NHN-CP Support and offered support due to the limitations of current volunteers.
- Recruitment of Board Members, NHN-CP's Board
 - Treasurer has retired, Mr. Payne is the acting Treasurer completing the organization's tax information
 - There are currently 3 Board Members, with a goal of 8 members
 - Intentions to have representatives from each district
- Volunteers (5) fully vetted; 3 active; up to 7 volunteers are completing background check and clearances. Mr. Payne intends to follow up to ensure the process is completed and initiate new training for volunteers.
- Mrs. Hakes suggested partnership with Mrs. Quinones, Communications Director to market available services.

B. AARP Age-Friendly Community – Subcommittee

- Mrs. McClellan shared highlights about the subcommittee meeting, notes are available from members of the subcommittee.
- The subcommittee is working to identify potential core committee members across the city.
- The subcommittee discussed the impact of the release of the GreenPlay Senior and Recreational Needs Assessment findings.
- The findings will offer additional insight to further assess the needs and refine the overall goals of the Age-Friendly Community. GreenPlay will also present survey findings during the September Mayor and Council Worksession. The release of a subsequent report is contingent on feedback from the Mayor and Council.
- Mrs. Barber will present the subcommittee's recommendations during the September 1st Mayor and Council Worksession

A. Approval of June 2020 Minutes (*postponed until quorum was met*)

Mrs. McClellan motioned to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes with a mention of the reported number of senior residents served by Youth and Family Services noted during the March 2020 meeting. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

III. New Business

A. Membership

- Mrs. McClellan noted that there are three vacancies. Mrs. Barber will confirm the numbers of vacancies on record with the City Clerk.
- The Committee discussed potential committee members. Mrs. Bolduc

recommended Darlene White.

B. Senior Committee Fall Priorities

Mrs. Hakes noted current legislative priorities and the need to monitor them

Noted priorities included:

- Telehealth needs
- Medicare for all
- Examining conditions in Nursing Homes and Assistant Living Communities amid COVID-19.

C. Meeting Schedule 2020-2021

- The Senior Committee will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Mrs. McClellan proposed the following meeting dates:
 - September 2, 2020
 - October 7, 2020
 - November 4, 2020
 - February 3, 2020
 - March 3, 2021
 - April 7, 2021
 - May 7, 2021
 - June 2, 2021 (*Tentative, pending Committee approval*)
- The committee discussed inviting Terry Schum, Director of Planning, to the October 2020 meeting to discuss the GreenPlay survey findings and opportunities to develop Senior Housing and AARP livable communities.

IV. Additional Discussion

Ms. Perez shared details about outgoing efforts and partnerships with World Central Kitchen to disseminate food to seniors in need throughout the county, including Attic Towers and Spellman House.

V. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 2020

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. McClellan. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.