

AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING WORKGROUP MINUTES



Date: 03/06/2020

Time: 9:30 am

Facilitator: Terri Hansen

In Attendance

Fran LoPresti
Jeff Bronow
Larry Carson
Peter Morgan
Karen Dorsey
Hayden Reiter
Susan Hailman
Dave Wanex
Patti Hutton
Angie Boyter
Evelyn Jackson
Peter Brunner
Patricia Langston
Alice L Lewis
Phyllis Zolotorow

Approval of Minutes

Motioned to Approve: Fran LoPresti

Seconded: Peter Brunner

Announcements

- Jeff Bronow will be a co-chair (County)
- Survey officially closed on February 29, 2020.

- The initial analysis will start next week, any additional surveys that come in will be easy to add to the analysis.
- Over 3,100 surveys, most of the surveys received were from Caucasian women who were more educated
- Will be having listening groups and focus groups in April
 - Focus groups will be focusing on a specific topic
 - Listening groups will be on a larger scale and boarder than the focus groups
 - The focus group and listening sessions should be throughout the County
 - When holding the listening sessions, we want to make sure we target a specific group such as low-income communities
 - Village centers, faith based communities could be a place to hold listening sessions
- A lot of information will be made available to you:
 - Early April – completion of information from various plans that were previously completed in recent years.
 - Plans include Columbia Association survey from 2014, DCRS did a survey in 2015 and others.
 - Summary of the findings everyone should do some reading themselves.

Discussion

- **How might you bite off a chunk of the housing issue? What part are we going to take on? What will be the focus?**
- **As a workgroup we need to come up with realistic goals**
- **Age-Friendly does not just cover what the County government does. Will also include non-profits, for-profits, interfaith communities and the county's citizens.**
- **A member asked can we allocate the money to be used differently? Terri explained there is no budget dedicated to Age-Friendly in this fiscal year but rather we hope to encourage all the players (noted above) to think differently which will naturally change direction and therefore funding allocations.**
- **When doing the writing points, we need to remember this is a 5-year plan.**
- **Part of what we need to do is see what is already working in our community and where are the gaps**
- **A member suggested possibly having breakout groups that focus on different aspects like low income rental problems, aging in place, etc.**
- **We want to avoid actions that have already been done,**
- **Jeff (Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning) gave a presentation.**
 - **Presentation is attached**

Homework

- Familiarize yourself with the AARP website: AARP.org/livable
- Sign up for the livability newsletter
- Look at Age-Friendly network (all states)
- Spend some time reading the different action plans – take out of those that you think will work for our workgroup

- List the top 4 or 5 pressing items that you feel are important from other action plans
- Where is our focus?

Next Meeting

04/03/2020 – 9:30 am 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive