

College Park Seniors Committee
Virtual Meeting
May 3, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Seniors Committee Members:

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1. Woei-Nan Bair	X 7:13 pm	
2. Adele Ellis	X 7:11 pm	
3. Carol Gray	X	
4. Mary Anne Hakes	X	
5. Carissa Janis	X	
6. Gail Lovelace	X	
7. Bonnie McClellan	X	
8. Darlene Nowlin	X	
9. Arelis Perez	X 7:07 pm	
10. Robert Thurston	X	

Also present:

Angie Burns, Seniors Program Manager; Joi Woods, Contract Secretary

- I. **Formal Business Meeting**
Call to Order
Mary Anne Hakes called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda for May 3, 2023**
Robert Thurston motioned to approve the agenda for May 3, 2023. Gail Lovelace seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes- April 5, 2023**
Carol Gray motioned to approve the April 5, 2023 minutes as corrected. Gail Lovelace seconded the motion passed.
- IV. **City Updates**
 - A. Upcoming Events
 1. May 9, 2023, the AARP Livability Council Presentation discussion meeting

2. May 16, 2023, the AARP Livability presentation to Mayor & Council for discussion
- B. Discussion on the FY 2024 Budget
1. The Public Hearing on the Budget Ordinance will be held on May 9, 2023 during the Council Meeting. The budget is set to be adopted on May 23, 2023.
 2. The proposal for a Videographer and a Volunteer Coordinator are set to be included in the budget.
- C. Youth and Family Services Update
- Angie Burns shared a city update.
1. Newsletters have been distributed to residents
 2. Trips have resumed since the pandemic
 3. The current attendance is lower than attendance prior to the pandemic
 4. Senior Socials- Thursdays at VFW
 5. Event planning for FY 2024 is underway. Motivational and Educational Speakers are among the current considerations. Angie Burns welcomed suggestions from the committee.
 6. Request for survey to provide additional newsletters at Attick Towers.

V. City Survey Discussion

- A. The Committee discussed the City Survey results. Noted statistics included:
1. 56% of responding residents were satisfied with walkability and public transportation
 2. 60% of responding residents do not use public transportation
 3. 45% of responding residents noted College Park as a place to retire
 4. 88% of responding residents plan to stay in College Park for the next 5 years
 5. 40% of responding residents use the city newspaper
 6. 38% of responding residents get information from their City Council Person
 7. Senior Services
 - a. 13% of responding residents were very satisfied
 - b. 28 of responding residents were somewhat satisfied
 - c. 37% of responding residents were neutral
 - d. 33% of responding residents were dissatisfied
 - e. 8% of responding residents identified Senior Services as one of the top three priorities for the city
 8. Demographics
 - a. 13% of responding residents are ages 65-74
 - b. 8% of responding residents are ages 75 & over

- c. 40% of responding residents are identified as low-income families/individuals
- 9. Safety & Emergency Services
 - a. 55% of responding residents found emergency preparation to be adequate
 - b. 83% of responding residents are satisfied with EMS services
 - c. 66% of responding residents are satisfied with street lighting
 - d. 58% of responding residents are satisfied with Police response
- 10. Responses to: How well does the city serve the community?
 - a. 12% Excellent
 - b. 36% Well
 - c. 33 Neutral
 - d. 13% Poor
- B. The Committee discussed the City Survey trends among survey data from 2019-2022 and goals for 2025. Noted points included:
 - 1. A decrease in the use of the city website from 63 to 55%
 - a. Suggest the website is not meeting residents' expectations
 - 2. Little to no change in the ease in use of transportation
 - 3. Significant decrease in resident satisfaction with Code Enforcement
 - 4. An increase in diversity
 - 5. An increase in the number of residents stating they would retire in College Park 34-45%. The City's goal is 50% for 2025
- C. The Committee discussed follow-up questions for the Communications Director. The Committee also noted a strong alignment of the areas measured in the survey with AARP Livability Initiative goals.
 - 1. Learning more about the city's effort and tracking factors related to an Empowered and Collaborative Organizational Culture noted in the city's 5-year plan 10 strategies in 10 areas. (item 10)
 - 2. Are there Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that will be developed based on survey results?
 - 3. Are there any plans to adjust communications outreach?

4. How are the survey results integrated into goals for the city's strategic plan?
5. What actions, if any have been taken to date, to enhance the areas identified for improvement?

VI. Update on Livable Community Action Plan

Robert Thurston provided an update

- A. Robert Thurston followed up with city staff in April and met with Kiaisha Barber to provide preliminary information for the presentation.
- B. Meeting Dates
 1. May 9, 2023- AARP Livability Workgroup will finalize the presentation for the Mayor and City Council
 2. May 16, 2023- AARP Livability Plan presentation to the Mayor and City Council
- C. The approved AARP Livability plan is scheduled to be submitted to AARP on June 5, 2023.

VII. Neighbors Helping Neighbors College Park (NHN-CP)

- A. A Volunteer Appreciation gathering was held on May 2, 2023
- B. Volunteer recruitment efforts are ongoing
NHN-CP is continuing efforts to cultivate student volunteer interest
 1. Targeted efforts will be developed to recruit returning students in the fall
- C. Monitoring Volunteer Requests
NHN-CP is currently documenting requests to determine the feasibility for NHN fulfil them. 48 out of 69 requests were fulfilled.
 1. Transportation requests with trips with a destination of more than (1) hour of travel time are tracked
 2. Increase in the number of requests for yard work beyond the scope of grass mowing and light trimming
 - a. The requests require budgeting and logistical considerations
 - b. NHN-CP is working to establish partnerships and build special project capabilities to perform extensive work that exceeds the current capabilities of NHN-CP
- D. There are currently (3) Board vacancies
 1. Mary Anne Hakes encouraged committee members to share the opportunities to join the NHN-CP board

E. NHN-CP will have a table at the Attick Towers Health & Wellness Fair on May 18, 2023

VIII. Other Discussion

A. Membership Recruitment

There are 2 SAC vacancies. Mrs. Hakes encouraged committee members to share the opportunities to join.

B. Upcoming Events

1. 2nd Street Concert 9300 Gettysburg Ln, May 13, 2023

2. Annual Attick Towers Health & Wellness Fair, May 18, 2023, 11am-3 pm

3. SAC Celebration

The committee discussed hosting an event to celebrate its highlights, accomplishments, and guest speakers

4. Trolley trail event table June 10, 2023

a. The committee discussed securing a table to represent the Senior Advisory Committee, AARP Livability, and NHN-CP.

- Bonnie McClellan will follow up with the Event Leader to register
- The committee discussed branded give-aways - "College Park Age Friendly Community"
 - Bags
 - Reusable, multipurpose foam cloths

C. College Park Community Center- Senior Use follow-up

The committee discussed Mr. Thurston following up with Jim Bell, Director to inquire about options to host classes and activities for senior residents.

Noted points included:

1. The Community Center is currently operating as a not-for-profit facility
2. Developing strategies to increase participation in scheduled events for Seniors, historically Senior classes are not well attended.

IX. Next Meeting & Guest Speaker

A. Next Meeting: June 7, 2023

B. Carmel Roques, Maryland Secretary on Aging, Guest Speaker

1. Arelis Perez will forward the recording from the presentation Carmel Roques **made to The Washington Area Villages Exchange (WAVE) for the committee** to review.

2. The committee discussed submitting questions for the speaker by

Friday, May 26, 2023.

3. Arelis Perez will contact Carmel Roques' scheduler to obtain her bio and introduce her during the June 7th meeting.

X. Summer Recess & Future Guest Speaker

- A. The AARP Livability will be meeting in June Action Plan.
- B. SAC Meetings will resume in October 2023.
- C. The committee discussed inviting Susan Hartman, CP Cup Executive Director as the Guest Speaker.

XI. Adjournment

Darlene Nowlin motioned to adjourn the meeting . Arelis Perez seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.