

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, May 23, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: New Towne Village Apartments, Leonardtown, MD
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis - Chair

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Sam Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon, Andree Wells.

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Alice Allen, Division Manager, Senior Center Operations; Kathy Mather, Operations Manager; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT

Sheral St. Clair.

GUEST

Linda Gottfried, Alzheimers Association.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by Peggy Reardon and seconded by Bettie Broadhurst; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Addition: Update on Garvey Senior Activity Center reconstruction, Update on Tri-County Commission On Aging Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 2011 minutes was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Claudia Knowlton; all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Sam Brown gave a brief overview of things that are going on at St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care Center.
- El Shaddai has arranged to have the sign out from of the building split in two parts, denoting the two facilities in the single building.
- The Friends of Ripple Group continues to raise funds to assist the facility in funding participant activities.
- Next Friends of Ripple meeting is scheduled for May 3.

Site Information Visits /Presentations:

- Dana DiGregorio is working on scheduling a visit to Taylor Farms and St. Mary's Nursing Center, as well as a tour of the Senior Activity Centers and Nutrition Site.
- Commission decided to hold off on visiting the Senior Activity Centers and Nutrition Sites until after new members are appointed in July.

Bylaws:

- Claudia Knowlton and Bettie Broadhurst have been updating the Commission On Aging Bylaws to reflect the guidelines set forth by the County Attorney's office. Claudia presented the updated version to the Commission, requesting that any corrections, changes, additions or deletions be submitted to her by Friday, May 27, 2011 to allow adequate time to submit the updated bylaws to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

United Seniors of Maryland Rally

- Bettie Broadhurst attended the United Seniors of Maryland Rally and provided an update on the day's events.

Garvey Senior Activity Center Update

- Lori Jennings-Harris provided the Commission members with a draft of the information that we will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the different options related to reconstruction costs of the current site.
- Lori Jennings-Harris and Kathy Mather provided additional information and answered questions posed by the commission members.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

ACTION ITEMS and UPCOMING EVENTS

- An Open House for the Victory Woods Senior Living Complex is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2011.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lori Jennings-Harris reported on the submission of the budget for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).
- Lori Jennings-Harris provided the commission members with a flyer from "Age-4-Action".
- Lori Jennings-Harris provided the commission members with an update on the Senior Care funds allocations.
- Lori Jennings-Harris provided the commission members with a hand out on the Lexington Park Development District.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- No personnel changes at this time.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Florence Lanham and Sheral St. Clair are both at the end of their second term of appointment on the Commission On Aging. Elfreda Mathis asked Ms. Lanham if she would be willing to extend her term until a new member is appointed, she agreed. Since Ms. St. Clair was absent from this meeting Ms. Mathis will contact Ms. St. Clair as well.
- A motion to approve the three applications for appointment to the Commission On Aging was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried. Dana DiGregorio will advise the office of the Board of County Commissioners of the recommendation by the commission members.
- Elfreda Mathis extended condolences to Sam Brown on the loss of his wife, Vicki Brown.
- Betty Broadhurst recommended a web page that she found to the commission members ~ www.ElderLawAnswers.com.
- Linda Gottfried handed out brochures and provided the commission with information on the link between Diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2011 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Claudia Knowlon and was seconded by Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator