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MISSION

To identify the needs of the elderly, develop overall planning to meet those needs, evaluate service delivery plans as implemented, and advocate on behalf of the elderly

MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: “Babs” Waters (COA Chair), Barbara D’Agostino (COA Vice Chair), Michael Schuster (COA Secretary), Mary Lee Anderson, Raymond “Ray” Biegun, William “Bill” Campbell, Lois Steele, Gerri Wallace.

Staff Members Present: Pamela Austin – Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

Guests Present: Bob Eiffert, Jane King

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order – Babs Waters called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda – the agenda was approved with the deletion of “via Zoom” in item 8.B (2), and the addition of Barbara Huelat as the nominated Secretary in C (3).

4. COA Executive Committee (ExCo) Business Meeting

A. Presentation - none

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B. ExCo Information only

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| (1). | Chair Report |
| (a) | Updates on COVID-19 and its variants – Gerri Wallace gave the update. As of May 1, 2022, Alexandria is now in the “Moderate” CDC range. The city reports that 77%, or 118,441 residents are fully vaccinated, and 84%, or 130,644, are either partially or fully vaccinated. As of April 29, 2022, across Virginia, approximately 7 million, or 81.8 % received one vaccination, and 6 million or 73.2 % are fully vaccinated. The CDC now recommends that those age 5 or older get their primary series of shots, and those 12 or older can receive a booster shot. |
| (b) | Update on Excellence in Aging Awards – Barbara D’Agostino |
| | Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 5:30 PM via Zoom – Barbara said that both the awardees and their nominators have been notified of the results. The mayor will present the awards, and all of the City Council members have been invited. |

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| (2). | DAAS Staff Report – there was no DAAS Staff Report. |
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C. ExCo Discussion Items

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| (1). | Potential opportunities to discuss Moderate-Income Affordable Assisted Living Facility (MIAALF) |
| (a) | Bob Eiffert -Bob reported that at the last Housing Committee meeting, a representative from the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority (ARHA) agreed to meet with the committee to discuss options for Mixed Income Affordable Assisted Living through their activities on public housing. He also said that the ARHA will be converting the public housing at Ladrey Highrise into project-based vouchers. This change will substantially increase the amount of funds for Ladrey, allowing the city to redevelop the housing and to increase the number of affordable units from 170 to over 200. The ARHA is considering three proposals for the redevelopment. |
| (b) | Report from Michael Schuster on his testimony on behalf COA before City Council on April 25 th – Michael Schuster reported that he as the only speaker on the federal funded FY 2023 Annual gAction Housing Plan. He said Vice Chair Amy Jackson indicated interest in the Commission’s views on affordable assisted living. The Director of the Office of Housing said her office also has made affordable assisted housing a priority, but that a single facility may not be sustainable without the donation of land as in the case of Chesterbrook Residences of Falls Church. |
| (2). | Committee Chairs Age Friendly Updates – Evaluation of first Age Friendly Plan – Jane King reported that the committee chairs have responded generously with her requests for updates. She will be doing the updates for the Health and Economic Development Committees. |
| (3) | Slate of Officers- Michael Schuster, Chair; Barbara D’Agostino, Vice Chair; Barbara Huelat, Secretary. Babs Waters reported that these nominations will be considered later this month at the May 12th COA meeting. |
| (4) | Input for July 2021-June 2022 Annual Report due date – June 30, 2022, to Chair |
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| (b) | |

D. ExCo Decision Items

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5. Planning for Thursday May 12, 2022, COA Monthly Meeting

A. Presentation

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| (1). | May 2022: Asst City Manager and Legislative Director - Sarah Taylor |
| (2). | Q & A |

B. COA Information Items

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| (1). | Chair Report |
| (a) | Updates on COVID-19 and its variants – Gerri Wallace |
| (b) | Report on Excellence in Aging Awards Event |
| | • Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 5:30 PM via Zoom |
| (2). | DAAS Staff Report |
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| (a) | |
| (b) | |

C. COA Discussion Items

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| (1). | Committee Chairs Age Friendly Updates |
| (2). | Presentation of Slate of Officers 2022-2023 |

D. COA Decision only Items

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| (1). | Election of COA Officers 2022--2023 |
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6. Planning for future COA meetings

A. Future Speakers

(1). Thursday, June 09, 2022: Families for Safe Streets – Mr. Mike Doyle

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B. Additional items – none

7. Other Business – The Executive Committee discussed whether the June COA meeting will be in person. Babs said that she has not heard back yet from the Office of the City Attorney as to whether the Commission could finish their annual calendar of meetings with one last virtual one. If not, and it would be conducted as a hybrid meeting, at least eleven members would need to appear personally to constitute a quorum for the meeting. At this point, the Commission does not have a firm commitment as to where an in-person meeting would be held. According to Babs’ survey of members, eleven members said they would be willing to appear in person. The new Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) facility near Mark Center is scheduled to open in November, so the Commission could use the new conference space there for its meetings.

Mary Lee said that Montgomery County has reached out to the Senior Services of Alexandria about their Senior Ambassador Program. The County is interested in starting a similar program. Mary Lee said they will meet with the County officials soon.

8. Announcements

A. Next two (2) COA Executive Committee (ExCo) Meetings

(1). Date: Monday, May 23, 2022

Time: **1:30 – 3:30 PM**

How: Via Zoom

(2). Date: Monday, August 29, 2022

Time: **1:30 – 3:30 PM**

Place TBD

B. Next two (2) COA Monthly Meetings

(1). Date: Thursday, June 09, 2022

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM via Zoom

How: via Zoom or In Person - To Be Determined (TBD)

(2). Date: Thursday, September 08, 2022

Time: 4:00 – 6:00

Place TBD

C. Other non-Alexandria COA events

(1). Event: NVAN

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 AM

Time: 9:30 AM via Zoom

Hosts: all

(2). Event: **Governor’s Conference on Aging Webinar via Zoom**

Date: Tuesday, May 2022

Time:

Host: VGCA

9. Public Comment

10. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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