

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting

Garvey Center – Leonardtown, Maryland

Monday, January 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 12:45 p.m.

Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, MD

Chaired By: Kathie Reich, Chairperson

PRESENT

COA Members: Sam Brown, Vicki Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Sheral St. Clair, Kathie Reich, Sandra Wheeler, Patricia Woodburn

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT

COA Members: Elfreda Mathis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with one addition was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Vicki Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Addition: Add to New Business "Status of the Northern Senior Activity Center"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 2008 and December 2008 minutes as written was made by Sam Brown and was seconded by Sandra Wheeler; all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Center Capital Improvement Project:

- The request for Capital Improvement funds for the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Center Capital Improvement Project remaining in the 2012 budget.

Transportation Costs/Memorandum of Understanding:

- Lori Jennings-Harris is reviewing and making changes to the Memorandum of Understanding, regarding transportation for the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day

Service Center, between the Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Department of Aging.

Update on Friends of Ripple Projects:

- The Friends of Ripple Group finished putting in the shed at the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Services Center. They have approval to remove the old container.

NEW BUSINESS

New Commission On Aging Members:

- The Board of County Commissioners have appointed Claudia Knowlton as a new member to the Commission On Aging. Ms. Knowlton has accepted the appointment and was in attendance at the January Commission On Aging meeting.
- The Board of County Commissioners have appointed Peggy Reardon as a new member to the Commission On Aging. Ms. Reardon has accepted the appointment, which will be officially announced at the Board of County Commissioners public meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.
- David Mattingly has submitted his letter of resignation from the Commission On Aging.

Commission On Aging Annual Report:

- Kathie Reich provided the Commission On Aging members with a copy of the Commission On Aging 2008 Annual Report. She asked the members to let her know of any changes or additions.

2009 United Seniors of Maryland Legislative Rally:

- The 2009 United Seniors of Maryland Legislative Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in Annapolis, Maryland.
- Sandra Wheeler and Florence Lanham attended the 2008 Rally and recommended attendance. Sandra Wheeler also recommended Commission members plan attending next year as a group.
- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that Calvert County has space available on their bus for transportation to the event if any members are interested.

Election of Commission On Aging Officers:

- Kathie Reich noted that election of the 2009 Commission On Aging Officers was postponed until January, due to no quorum at the December 2008 meeting. Kathie Reich asked for nominations.
- A motion to nominate and keep the current slate of officers for another term was made by Sam Brown, and seconded by Patricia Woodurn; all were in favor and the motion carried.

- The 2009 slate of Officers for the Commission On Aging are as follows:

Chairperson - Kathie Reich

Vice Chairperson - Elfreda Mathis

Corresponding Secretary - Sandra Wheeler

Status of the Northern Senior Activity Center:

- The Northern Senior Activity Center had some water damage from pipes in the ceiling that had frozen and burst. Lori Jennings-Harris gave the Commission members an update on the damage and repairs.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Department of Aging's request for directional road signs for the Northern Senior Activity Center and the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Services Center has been denied by the Maryland State Highway Administration. Lori Jennings-Harris will appeal the denial.
- The Department of Aging is currently working on the 2010 budget for submission to the Board of County Commissioners next week.
- A Women's Wellness Program is scheduled for February 28, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mount Zion Methodist Church in Mechanicsville, Maryland. The Department of Aging will have a display at the event.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- The Senior Office Specialist position at the Loffler Senior Activity Center is currently vacant. The position will be advertised for 2 weeks, starting Wednesday, January 28, 2009.
- The Department of Aging is still interviewing for the Nurse Manager vacancy at the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Services Center.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheral St. Clair and was seconded by Patricia Woodburn; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator