

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, May 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Lexington Park Adult Community, Lexington Park, Maryland and
Victory Woods, Lexington Park, Maryland
Chaired By: Bettie Broadhurst

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Elfreda Mathis, Gail Murdock, Norma Pipkin.

Department of Aging Staff: Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT

Sam Brown, Agnes Butler, Crystal Menear, Peggy Reardon.

SITE TOUR – LEXINGTON PARK ADULT COMMUNITY

SITE TOUR – VICTORY WOODS (SENIOR HOUSING)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Norma Pipkin; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 2012 minutes was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Elfreda Mathis; all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Sam Brown not in attendance. Update at next meeting.

Commission Schedule for 2012:

- Dana DiGregorio handed out a copy of the Commission On Aging 2012 schedule of locations.
- The November meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 to accommodate a tour of the Department of Aging & Human Services Senior Activity Centers and Nutrition Sites.

Innovations On Aging Conference & Expo:

- Bettie Broadhurst and Elfreda Mathis attended the activities at the Innovation In Aging Conference & Expo on Friday, May 4, 2012. It was a great event, well attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation:

- Bettie Broadhurst suggested that the Commission members advocate for STS transportation to be available for residents in the southern areas of St. Mary's County. During the tour of Lexington Park Adult Community many residents voiced the need for transportation to and from this facility.
- A representative from STS will be attending the June Commission On Aging meeting. It was suggested that the Commission On Aging members bring this up for discussion with them at that time.

ACTION ITEMS

Legislative Meeting for Seniors:

- The "Maryland State Delegates – Senior Information Forum" has been scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2012 at the Higher Ed Center. This will be a day for the senior community to meet with state legislative members to hear about legislative items relating to

aging issues that have been brought to congress. This will also be an opportunity for seniors to ask questions or discuss topics for the upcoming year.

- Bettie Broadhurst asked members to get into “recruiting” mode and help find people who might be interested in volunteering for appointment to the Commission On Aging.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is scheduled for May 15, at the Higher Education Center.
- The Departments’ Point Lookout Cookout is scheduled for June 1, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Reservations are required for this event.
- St. Mary’s County STS in collaboration with the Department of Aging & Human Services is having a “STUFF the BUS” event scheduled for May 19, 2012.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Dana DiGregorio noted that the budget request for the Commission On Aging has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration. They will discuss it further and have a decision by the June Commission meeting.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- The Office Specialist at the Northern Senior Activity Center resigned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Gail Murdock and was seconded by Elfreda Mathis; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator