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Minutes April 15, 2021

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Members attended via Zoom. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Yolanda Hipski, Beverly Butler, Jeannette Findley, Margaret Phipps, Sudha Haley, Bessie Hoskins, Terry Long, Frank Krohnert, Kathy Baron, Tanea Granlund, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Harriet Gossett, Elizabeth Foster

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve minutes: Terry, Second: Tanea. Approved. Note that the order of Delegate and Committee Reports have been changed.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell, Yolanda Hipski

- April 29, 1 p.m. Broadband Development Advisory Committee meeting. \$300M to be spent on broadband

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- Senior Centers opening May 3. Developmental Disabilities participants will stay in CREATE! room throughout the day and have their meals there. Small programs to start with social distancing and participation limited in classes. Reservations required for meals/programs. Masks are required.
- Older Americans Month proclamation at BOCC meeting May 4. COA members should participate. Yolanda, Tanea, Bessie, Kathy are interested in attending. Will advise BOCC.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie Hoskins/Kathy Baron

- Housing flyers have been distributed
- Bessie assisted seniors with COVID shot registrations
- North Beach Farmers' Market opening is Saturday

Housing:

- No Report

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Complete Streets Plan Virtual Public Workshop with Calvert/St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization April 14 & 15 for Calvert County.- discuss need for biking/walking safety

Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- Report emailed to members

Alzheimer's Support Group: Jeannette Findley

- Walk to End Alzheimer's is September 18. There will be a link to register under Calvert Caregivers Support Team. Lead is Jeannette; Tanea is backup
- Support group continues to meet via Zoom. Newcomers can register with the PF Library.
- Need to pick up efforts for new participants

- Jeannette will keep Tanea informed of support group and Walk information. Tanea will put information on FCCS Facebook page.

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Senior migration has increased due especially to cost of living and increased taxes, although there are more seniors 65+ than children.
- Bills passed: Long Term Care and Effects of COVID on Public Health; Mental & Behavioral Health, Fraud & Scams; Affordable Prescription Drugs; Expansion of Broadband & Telehealth; Low Income Family Utility
- Approved by the Governor: Preserve Telehealth Access Act 2021; MD Dept. of Health – 211 MD Mental Health Services; Digital Connectivity Act of 2021; MD Health Equity Resource Act.
- Point of Contact for AARP's Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) and World Health Organization (WHO). Calvert County Advisory Committee is planning to meet with officials from Planning & Zoning before taking it to the BOCC. The communities of Chesapeake and North Beach would most likely be the jurisdictions to consider for AFC-WHO certification.

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Yolanda Hipski

- Discussions with Tamara & Planners. AFC is in the process of creating a letter to outline information.

Nominating Committee: Margaret Phipps

- Nomination for Tanea as COA Corresponding Secretary. Unanimously approved

Unfinished Business:

Bylaws:

- Restore notation in Bylaws, Article IV. Attendance "in person or by electronic meetings so long as there is simultaneous oral communication". Susan will forward recommendation to Attorney. Motion: Margaret; Second: Charles. Approved

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New Business:

- Margaret Phipps re-appointment – Unanimously Approved.
- Annual Report – Motion to approve: Yolanda; Second: Bessie. Approved

Members' Concerns:

- None

Announcements:

- Discussion to hold May's COA meeting in-person at Calvert Pines Senior Center.
- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, May 20, 9 a.m.**
- There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II