

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON AGING
Bykota Senior Center
Classroom A, 1st Floor
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Present: Cyndy Allen, Virginia Billian, Don Gabriel, Bill Lambert, Roy Moreland, Mabel, Murray, Anne Perry, Sheila Roman, Marlene Siegel, Melody Truffer, Cathy Ward

Excused: Frances Bond, Eula Marshall, Sherita Thomas

Absent: Allan Hirsh

Staff: Phyllis Myers, Joanne Williams

I. The Meeting Came to Order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Announcements/Acknowledgements

- No Announcements

III. Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes accepted as submitted

IV. Old Business

Legislative Committee Update

- USM is following 47 Bills in the General Assembly; Cathy gave an update on a few of them
- Cathy has also been tracking legislation in Baltimore County

Villages

- Handout – Talking points; Sheila updated last month’s handout regarding Villages; she added a section that explains the role of Baltimore County Senior Centers
- The group discussed various ways of getting information to individuals who are interested in the Villages concept
- Joanne plans to invite John Donohue to the next COA meeting; BCDA will work with Villages talking points document

V. Senior Center Visits

- Melody made visits to Victory Villa and Parkville Senior Centers; both visits were very positive; parking still an issue at Parkville

VI. New Business

- Cyndy stressed the importance of attending COA meetings and if a member is unable to attend, he or she should call BCDA

VII. Director's Updates

- Senior Solutions Conference at Valley Mansion on May 4th
- At the May 18th brainstorming session meeting, Joanne has a few ideas for the Commission to focus on
- Joanne and Laura met with Debbie Phelps, President of the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools, for a possible partnership
- County Executive Kevin Kamenetz approves of the Reimagine Aging initiative
- BCDA's Senior Employment program and RSVP program may be cut from the Federal budget

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.