

**MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
Bykota Senior Center  
Classroom A, First Floor  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

**Present:** Cyndy Allen, Virginia Billian, Frances Bond, Don Gabriel (via phone), Allan Hirsh, Roy Moreland, Mabel Murray, Sheila Roman, Cathy Ward

**Excused:** Marlene Siegel

**Absent:** Bill Lambert, Sherita Thomas, Melody Truffer

**Staff:** Phyllis Myers, Laura Riley, Joanne Williams

**I. The Meeting Came to Order at 9:05 a.m.**

**II. Announcements**

- February 16<sup>th</sup> Senior Solutions Committee meeting was cancelled

**III. Old Business**

USM Forum Update

- Joanne, Roy and Melody attended the Forum on January 17<sup>th</sup>
- Forum not well attended due to the weather
- The event was similar to those of the past

Committees

- Handout - showed the commissioners the committees they have signed up for

Legislative Committee Update

- Cathy is still a member of the USM Legislative Committee; the committee is closely following 63 bills in this year's legislative session; Cathy read and gave explanations of a few of those bills

Senior Solutions Committee Update

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next committee meeting
- Conference is on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Valley Mansion in Cockeysville

Silent Auction Committee Update

- No updates

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force Update

- Eula saved information from BCDA's history; she will get it to Joanne

### **IV. New Business**

- No new business

### **V. Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes were accepted as submitted

### **VI. Director's Updates**

- Joanne met with the Alzheimer's Association; the meeting was to find ways to partner and support each other's events
- The Maryland Department of Aging held a Town Hall meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Ridge Lodge in Hunt Valley; Secretary Kramer talked about possibly having a statewide initiative – having durable medical equipment on hand for seniors, similar to BCDA's loan closet
- The House Budget Hearing was on February 15<sup>th</sup>; Secretary Kramer was questioned about the \$2.4 million increase; she wants to start innovative types of programs so that seniors will be able to stay in their homes and get assistance for themselves and their homes at affordable prices

### **VII. Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**