

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

**Present:** Cyndy Allen, Virginia Billian, Frances Bond, Don Gabriel, Eula Marshall, Roy Moreland, Mabel Murray, Sheila Roman, Marlene Siegel, Sherita Thomas, Cathy Ward

**Absent:** Bill Lambert, Melody Truffer

**Staff:** Phyllis Myers, Laura Riley, Joanne Williams  
BCDA Intern—Rakimm Broadnax Rogers

**I. The Meeting Came to Order at 9:10 a.m.**

**II. Announcements**

- The Commission on Aging (COA) to reach out to elected officials to get them more involved in BCDA events; send letter of congratulations to officials who won the election
- Fran Bond was inducted into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on October 25; 43 inductees total; 5 out of the 43 received the Geri Award, Fran was one of the 5; the Geri Award is a community service, humanitarian award
- December COA Luncheon Meeting will be at Basta Pasta in Timonium. Meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.; Fran unable to attend

**III. Minutes**

- Minutes accepted as submitted

**IV. Old Business**

- Mabel agreed to handle greeting cards for the Commission

**V. New Business**

- BCDA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on 12/6
- Joanne's Retirement Party on 12/17
- COA members invited to both

**VI. Introduction**

- Laura introduced BCDA intern, Command Sergeant Major Kim Broadnax Rogers; Kim has been in the Army for 26 years, her last 10 years have been at the Executive level; she is leading the Dementia-Friendly Community Initiative in support of BCDA. The target community aligns with the greater Dundalk/ Sparrows Point community

## **VII. Director's Comments**

- 2019 focus will be on social isolation
- Matt Paxton from the TV show Hoarders spoke with BCDA staff about his experiences and social isolation
- Joanne spoke with new County Executive (CE) John Olszewski; he is currently recruiting his cabinet; he was interested in knowing what BCDA does; Joanne stressed the importance of supporting those we serve; she mentioned a Countywide volunteer program; the new CE seems to be interested in keeping older adults and services a priority
- A transition report was prepared stating 10 brief statements of concerns; they included: CountyRide/ transportation, infrastructure of aging buildings, lack of parking at many of BCDA facilities, population growth and the ability to serve them, continuation of county support
- Joanne encourage Commission on Aging members to support BCDA's fortieth Anniversary event on December 6
- Commission members were asked to contact legislators at the state level to get them more involved in senior issues/concerns
- The final numbers for Expo are not yet known
- Don attended a board meeting of Health and Human Services; the additional funds received for housing may go to seniors
- COA members would like to see Senior Citizens, Inc. more active; Marlene suggested advertising Senior Citizens, Inc. throughout the year to get additional donations

## **VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.**