

Age-Friendly Housing Implementation Group
Web-Ex
JANUARY 12, 2023

Attendees: Karol Hess, Ziaul (zee-owl) Ahmed, Susie Ryan (proxy for Vanessa Hughes), Fran LoPresti, Quanita Kareem, Jennifer Dunson, Larry Carson, Carletta Hickman (proxy for Andy Masters, Columbia Housing Center), Virginia Callahan, Terry Dodson, Patricia Thomas, Karen Mosel, Sandra Price, Barbara McClayton, Terri Hansen, Morgan Spliedt

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review Purpose of the Action Plan
- 3) Review/Discuss Roles
- 4) Review Action Items
- 5) Set Date and Location for Next Meeting
- 6) Calls to Action and Wrap Up

Meeting Notes:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Purpose of today's meeting
 - a. Review Purpose of the Action Plan
 - i. Guide how the community works together to make our vision a reality – a livable community that is a great place to grow up and to grow older.
 - ii. Provide a blueprint to achieve a healthier, happier community that is a great place to grow up and to grow older.
 - b. Review/Discuss Roles
 - i. Leadership Roles – still seeking people for these roles. Email agefriendly@howardcountymd.gov if you're interested.
 1. **Community Leader** is a community member who will...
 - a. Coordinate, plan, and lead the Work Group Meetings.
 - b. Track progress and effort of the domain's Action Items.
 - c. Work collaboratively with the County Liaison to communicate with the Age-Friendly Howard County Advisors.
 2. **County Liaison** is a Howard County government employee who will...
 - a. Act as the primary liaison between the Work Group and the Age-Friendly Howard County Advisors.
 - b. Maintain meeting records and submit materials to the Age-Friendly Howard County Advisors.
 - c. Collect and update Work Group contact information.
 - d. Support the Community Leader as needed.
 - ii. General Expectations of all Work Group Members
 1. Actively participates in meeting and the implementation of Action Items.
 2. Work toward achieving Work Group goals.

3. Follow through with tasks.
 4. Report effort and progress updates to the Community Leader.
- c. Review Action Items
- i. The Action Plan online provides highlights on the Action Items for the Housing Domain. Opening the Appendix will lead you to a significant amount of information about the action items, sub-action items, the background information, and proposed next steps.
 - ii. Work Groups can use Gantt Charts to break down the Action Items into actionable steps to measure progress. Attendees reviewed proposed Gantt Chart developed by the Age-Friendly Howard County Advisors.

3) Discussion

- a. [AARP Livable Communities Portal](#) is a resource we have access to (work group members can join the portal). In the Portal, people share resources, ask questions, attend trainings, etc. – need to advertise to all of our work groups.
- b. Chapter 6 Dynamic Neighborhoods in HoCo by Design focuses on Housing.
- c. Issues related to condos and HOAs – can these communities be involved in age-friendly Howard County? Absolutely.
- d. Advisory Council – two-way street of communication from the beginning.
- e. It is going to take some time to look at the Action Items and sub-items and decide what the steps will be prioritized.
- f. Discussed H1b.
 - i. Larry suggests talking to the County Council and suggest individual areas that has opportunities to build age-restricted housing.
 - ii. Karol notes that over 50+ communities are located in locations where the land is not as good as it could be – developers have to pay a significant amount less to build 50+ Communities where they have been developed. Many are built “in-the-middle-of-nowhere.”
 - iii. Virginia notes communities for families in general where developers build in commercial amenities. So the development may be in the middle of nowhere, but once the development is completed then it does eventually have many amenities that are needed.
 - iv. Larry suggests that the County take a more active role in where developers should and should not go – Fran added that Zone Overlay or offer incentives
 - v. Patricia suggests that the County should already have a view/goal in place for the County and where the zones are and play an active role in where developers are able to change/develop. Leaving things up to developers is not good for the community long-term.
- g. Larry shared about the list of Bills introduce – C.B.6. ZRA203 was introduced by the chair at the request of a developer. Project called Demirel Plaza – proposition to allow age-restricted housing in the office transition district. This would change the zoning law for the whole county which MAY benefit the Housing Work Group effort, but should be monitored.

- i. Patricia - We need to be aware of any bills that come up and we need to check if the community has been involved at all. If not, that is a red flag and we need to review that Bill and advocate.
 - ii. Public Hearing is January 17. Vote may be the first week of February.
 - h. Sandra brought up who will be monitoring legislation – the Age-Friendly Howard County Advisors can make information available to the Work Group as it comes up and becomes communicated to us, much of the information will be Work Group-collected/shared.
 - i. Sandra suggested that we partner with The Office of Consumer Protection – recently got two interns who will be looking at affordable housing legislation. We should partner with the Office to work with the Work Group to build knowledge and awareness about what is going on in legislation.
 - i. Housing Opportunities Master Plan – moderate and low-income housing – everyone on this Work Group should review this Plan. We will likely want to borrow some of their ideas.
 - j. 20-Year Plan in health care is to conduct more health care services IN THE HOME. And maybe this is something we should prepare our homes for. What are health providers’ recommendations to permit in-home health care?
 - k. Part of this is getting the general public and realtors to understand that home modifications do not make a home suitable for a “30-year-old” or cut down on re-sale-ability of their homes. Having these updates is a significant advantage. A task for this Work Group may need to help change the public/cultural views.
 - l. Language use is **very** important. Age-Friendly is for all of us, not just for those who are older. Another synonymous work for Age-Friendly is “Livable” these terms are essentially interchangeable.
 - m. Columbia Association and CA Board and their input as it relates to Age-Friendly Howard County. CA and the CA Board play a role in the environment and amenities which may impact the progress of this Work Group. May need to consider some level of partnership. Part of this partnership is for this Work Group is to advocate and educate those in CA HOAs and the CA Board, especially on the modification area.
 - i. It is important to keep our view of Age-Friendly Howard County is a county-wide initiative that goes beyond.
- 4) Set Date and Location for Next Meeting
- a. Next Meeting will soon be determined.
 - i. Second Thursdays (takes us to February 9) Thursday morning or after 4pm, Evenings, Fridays,
 - ii. Send a poll for Thursday the 16 and Friday the 17.
 - iii. We will send out a poll to this group to ask when the next meeting should be.
- 5) Calls to Action and Wrap Up
- a. Read the Appendix, be well versed in the recommendations and background recommendations so we can discuss by next meeting.
 - b. Consider a leadership position in the work group (Community Leader, County Liaison) and email agefriendly@howardcountymd.gov to indicate interest.

- c. Non-attendees at today's meeting: Review the Action Plan Housing Action Items and note which action item(s) you would like to work on. Email agefriendly@howardcountymd.gov to indicate interest in the Action Items.