

CITY OF ROCKVILLE  
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION  
ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER  
1150 CARNATION DRIVE

March 21, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Ann Herbster, Chair; Lynn Wagman, Commissioner; Krishna Kumar; Commissioner; Norma Brailsford; Commissioner

**Staff:** Trish Evans; Martha McClelland

**Guest:** Jack Sprague

**Chair Ann Herbster** opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with introductions. Jack Sprague introduced himself and expressed interest in joining the commission. Jack worked for IBM and was a lobbyist in Annapolis. He has served on the State Board of education, City Commission on Aging and is a member of the Senior Center. **Chair Ann Herbster** described the Senior Citizens Commission.

**Administrative Updates:** **Trish Evans and Martha McClelland** provided an update on the ADA Project describing the changes including: new bathrooms to fit a wheelchair and caregiver, adding a life to the Carnation room stage, new office reconfiguration, revise the front entrance ramp – not ready for 1 month, modify other bathrooms with wider doors and modifying the breakfast bar – delayed.

**Committee Reports:** Discussion around **recruitment** needs: Group discussed some ideas on what we can do to find new members and the following suggestions were provided: redo the blurb in Rockville Reports and provide a statement on what we do, can we look at expanding diversity and looking to find new members, perhaps attend the CCACC Friday luncheon, attend the birthday event and see if anyone is interested, create an interest form that we can use to describe what we do and put a notice in the weekly city email

Discussion around **communication** needs: The group discussed some areas that we should consider focusing on and the idea of a survey and communication to seniors was reviewed. The suggestion was made to look at past surveys to see what was done and determine what are the needs now. The group felt that there is a need to create broader awareness of the services and programs offered to seniors in Rockville. How do we get the information out, what information is wanted and needed and what services are not being met by the city. The suggestion was made to have **Terri Hilton**, manager, present the results from the last Senior Needs Assessment.

Several ideas were presented: Look at recently created flyer that Andrea Rogers, Outreach Worker, developed and how can we get it out more broadly, what materials should be translated, look at existing materials and identify gaps, add more information to the Adults 60+ booklet, ensure senior services are being shared at all city events, have a Seniors float at the city parade and determine what changes and present to Mayor & Council.

**Commissioner Krishna Kumar** asked if there was a way to volunteer their services and the suggestion was made for him to talk to **Jerry Jones**.

**Liaison Reports:** **Rockville Seniors, Inc.:** **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** provided an update that they are getting a new finance board member and are looking for someone to audit their books July 1, 2019.  
**Pete Sante Fund:** **Commissioner Lynn Wagman** needs to identify additional funding and looking to find a grant writer to help. Suggestion was made to post within the Senior Center and see if there is anyone with prior experience.  
**United Seniors of Maryland (USM) Forum:** **Commissioner Norma Brailsford** attended and provided an update on 2 areas; 1) new prescription bill to help control costs and 2) choices and compassion bill to enable sick people to choose end of life.

**Chair Anne Herbster** provided an update on the City Boards and Commission Task Force. Lynn and Norma will be contacted and interviewed as part of the process.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

**Next meeting:** April 18, 2019, 10 a.m.