

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

May 19, 2022, 10:00 a.m. (virtual)

Members Present: Anne Herbster, Chair; Lynn Wagman, Commissioner; Norma Brailsford, Commissioner; Krishna Kumar, Commissioner; Jack Sprague, Commissioner; Kevin Leary, Commissioner; Carla McCaffrey, Commissioner

Staff: Alexis D'Angelo Swope; Fran Jablonski

Absent: Elaine Koubek, Commissioner; Beryl Feinberg, Mayor and Council, Liaison

Guest: Stephanie Moore, Housing Opportunities Commission

Chair, Anne Herbster started the meeting at 10:00 a.m. She started with greetings and well wishes to everyone. She introduced **Stephanie Moore, Housing Opportunities Commission, (HOC)**. **Chair, Anne Herbster** explained the purpose of the Board.

Stephanie Moore, HOC gave a comprehensive presentation to the Commission explaining the various programs and services that HOC provides and the qualifications to participate in each. She said the Housing Opportunities Commission oversees the federal funding over housing funding. This commission serves Montgomery County but is not part of Montgomery County Government. They are a separate organization. She is the liaison to HOC for the Commission of Aging and Resident Services Division and Program Supervisor that oversees resident programs for older adults and families. They have properties within the City of Rockville and their services are open to all County residents. They provide affordable housing opportunities through owning, operating, and developing housing in Montgomery County. Their mission is to house people and keep them housed by providing affordable housing and supportive services that enhance the lives of low to moderate income households. They help people reach their full potential. All the housing programs are overseen by Housing and Urban Development, (HUD). The presentation was very thorough and ended at 10:55 AM. **Chair, Anne Herbster** thanked **Stephanie Moore** for her time spent on this. **Stephanie Moore** said she would like to create a pathway forward for the Senior Center and will have more data pertaining to just the city next week. **Chair, Anne Herbster** said this presentation was very informative and will try to arrange for someone from Rockville Housing to attend the next meeting.

Chair, Anne Herbster asked if there were any comments or changes to the April 21, 2022, minutes. There were none. **Jack Sprague** made a motion to approve the April 21, 2022, minutes as presented. **Kevin Leary, Commissioner** seconded it. All were in favor.

Chair, Anne Herbster said the Commission needs to decide on how they want to utilize the funds from the current budget. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2022. **Jack Sprague, Commissioner** made a motion to use the funds for promotional materials to advertise the Senior Center. **Lynn Wagman, Commissioner** seconded it. All were in favor.

Chair, Anne Herbster talked about the Hometown Holidays event and said she would like to use the time volunteering as a data gathering time and gain feedback as to what the needs of seniors are. **Kevin Leary, Commissioner** volunteered to work the table on Saturday, May 28, 2022, from 1:00 to 2:00. **Chair, Anne Herbster** said she would work the table on Sunday, May 29, 2022, from 1:00 to 2:00.

Alexis D'Angelo Swope gave an ADA building update on the greenhouse. She said there isn't a completion date. She said the target date is July 1, 2022.

Chair, Anne Herbster said she did hear that the Senior Center Fitness Center position was approved by the Mayor and Council and there has been no word on the back parking lot expansion.

The Commission agreed there will not be a meeting in the month of August. **Alexis D'Angelo Swope** will share what the commission will do in July at the meeting on June 16, 2022. She said she will also attempt to get Rockville Housing to attend the next meeting.

Liaison/groups:

RSI: Nothing reported.

Pete Sante Fund: Nothing reported.

United States Seniors of Maryland (USM) Forum: Nothing reported

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM. **Next meeting:** June 16, 2022 – In- Person and Virtual – 10:00 AM