

District of Columbia Commission on Aging
Minutes of November 18, 2015 Meeting

Commissioners Present

Romaine Thomas, Chairperson; Don Colodny; Charles Hicks; Samuel McCoy; Nathaniel Wilson; Constance Woody; Janet Heisse

DCOA Staff Present

Laura Newland; Tanya Reid

Guests Present

Heather Foote, Ward 1 resident; Joe Harris, Ward 5 mini-commission; Sue Barnes, Ward 5 mini-commission; Gail Kohn, AFC Coordinator; Sadaf Ahmad, Alzheimer's Association

Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called to order the regular meeting of the D.C. Commission on Aging (“the Commission”) at 10:10 a.m., November 18, 2015 at 500 K St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

Inspiration

Chairperson Thomas provided the inspirational quote, “The Days That Make Us Happy, Make Us Wise.”

DCOA Update

Director Newland gave an update on DCOA. She informed the Commissioners that DCOA is in the process of formulating the FY 17 budget. Gave an update on the “HAIP” program and wants the Commissioners to help spread the word. She also asked for the Commissions help to setup small groups to discuss what DCOA does and hear feedback from the community.

Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2015 Meeting of the Commission on Aging

The minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting of the Commission on Aging were approved by the members of the Commission on Aging without correction.

Age-Friendly City D.C. Update

Ms. Kohn reported that 70 communities across 28 states are now participating in Age-Friendly City (AFC); there were originally 8. She also reported that D.C. is looked upon as a leader in AFC. We are now in the implementation phase. She informed the Commission that AARP has a livability survey that ranks neighborhoods.

Ms. Kohn gave an overview of the history of AFC. She gave an update on the domains. An extensive conversation about transportation/traffic and housing ensued.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Other Matters

Chairwoman Thomas gave Commissioners an update on the Government Accountability Office (GAO) Interview. She informed the commission that she will reach out to GAO for more information before rescheduling.

Chairwoman Thomas had guests introduce themselves.

- Sadaf Ahmad (Alzheimer's Association)
 - Would like to work with DCOA on Domain 8 and establish Dementia Taskforce
- Sue Barnes (Mini-Commission Ward 5)
 - Suggested putting livability survey in Catholic Charities food baskets
- Joe Harris (Mini-Commission Ward 5)
 - Suggested using grantees to help reach AFC Goals

Commissioner McCoy encouraged Commissioners to attend the Elder Abuse Hearing on November 19th.

Adjournment

Upon motion and unanimous approval by the members of the Commission on Aging, the November 18, 2015 meeting of the Commission on Aging was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

These minutes were recorded by Tanya Reid, Executive Assistant, D.C. Office on Aging, and were formally approved by the Commission on Aging on December 16, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TR', is written over the typed name 'Tanya Reid'.

Tanya Reid
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