

**Commission on Aging Housing Committee Meeting for April 19, 2021
1:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**Alexandria Commission on Aging
Virtual Meeting, Monday, April 19, 1:30 pm**

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Welcome and Introductions – Michael Schuster, Committee Chair

Review and Approval of the Agenda – Michael Schuster

Review and Approval of the March 15, 2021 Minutes – Michael Schuster

Updates:

- 1. Aspire Independent Living Facility (1112 First Street - bound by Meridian at Braddock Station to the west, Carpenter's Shelter (The Bloom) to the east, and Belle Pre-Apartments to the south)** – Presenters: Tamara Jovovic (Office of Housing) and Aspire Representative

The applicant, BRG Tony's Gulf, LLC, has submitted to the Office of Housing a substantive modification to the AHP (Affordable Housing Plan) it deems necessary in order for the project to be able to move forward. Originally, the applicant proposed to construct an age-restricted multifamily building containing 133 apartment units (including 9 affordable units) and an approximately 4,550 square foot restaurant on the ground floor. The new proposal will be sent under separate cover.

2. Planning for new Aging Friendly Plan (tentative) – Jane King

This is a follow-up from our discussion last meeting. We need to look at the ideas from our last meeting, expand on them if there are more ideas, and spend some time deciding what additional information we might need to support any of the ideas. In addition, we should come up with possible speakers for us to invite regarding our proposed housing priorities.

As a review, here is what we proposed as priorities at the last two meetings:

- Planning for a Mixed Income Affordable Assisted Living Facility – encourage, facilitate, and plan for a dedicated facility with various public and private partners.
- Public education regarding home modifications to increase accessibility. This could include publicity about and presentation of AARP's Home Fit program.
- Increase funding for the Rent Relief program, as the Commission proposed two years ago.
- Educate about and advocate for more affordable housing for older residents, but with a better description of what the Commission means by affordable housing.
- Reduce the risk of homelessness among older residents, and the need for personal assistance with activities of daily living at homeless shelters (which is not currently available).
- Look at the NVAN platform for possible advocacy around real estate tax relief and assistance with homeowner association and condo fees.
- There needs to be an emphasis on racial equity in all goal areas.
- Develop publicity about accessory dwelling units
- Encourage home sharing and group homes
- Raise awareness of assistive living devices

Other Business –

Adjourn

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

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