

Commission on Aging Housing Committee Meeting for May 20, 2019
DAAS 12th Floor Conference Room, 4401 Ford Avenue, 1:30 p.m.
Draft Agenda

Review and Approval of the Agenda – Jane King, Committee Chair

Review and Approval of the April 15 Committee Meeting Notes – Jane

June Presentation on Proposed Aspire Alexandria, an approximately 148-unit Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care Facility, by Cathy Puskar

Updates: Age Friendly Community Housing Committee Workplan

1. Accessory Dwelling Units – Bob Eiffert

- A. GOAL: Determine prospective benefits and challenges regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).
- B. OBJECTIVE: The City and community stakeholders study the feasibility of modifying city regulations to permit accessory dwelling units, where appropriate, as an option to increase the stock of affordable and accessible housing in the City and complete a report for submission to City Council. (Note: Some Small Area Plans already permit ADUs --Potomac Yard, Beauregard-- but few accessory units have resulted)
- C. COA ACTION: Monitor, advocate and participate in the research of accessory dwelling units and proposed recommendations to City Council led by the City's Department of Planning and Zoning. This is to begin in FY 2020, which begins July 2019.
- D. OUTCOME by July 1, 2020: Determination of benefits and challenges of ADU's by City staff and stakeholders and their resulting recommendation to City Council.
- E. COMMISSION ROLE: watch and make sure this happens; provide input, e.g., are codes adequate, do they need to be changes (e.g., can more than one stove be permitted/residence?).

2. Affordable Assisted Living – Bill Harris and Bob Eiffert

- A. GOAL: Develop public and private mechanisms to enhance availability of affordable assisted living in Alexandria.
- B. OBJECTIVE: Develop consistent developer contribution and concept plan.
- C. COA ACTIONS: 1) Study group crafts City policy for developer contributions in assisted living facilities. *Report: Bill Harris, Bob Eiffert and Terri Lynch will report on the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee (AHAAC) meetings on this issue.* 2) Create concept plan for mixed-income, affordable assisted living facility, including identification of potential site(s) and funding sources
- D. OUTCOMES: By June 2020 1) Policy in effect for acquiring contributions for affordable assisted living development; 2) Concept plan created, enhancing interest on the part of policy makers.
- E. COMMISSION ROLE: provide input and be actively involved.

3. Housing for a Lifetime – Bob Eiffert

- A. GOAL: By June 2020, Work with key organizations and individuals to incorporate “housing for a lifetime” features in both new and redeveloped housing.
- B. OBJECTIVE: Establish guidelines for the inclusion of accessibility features in new affordable multi-family development that receives City funding support.
- C. COA ACTION: Determine which enhanced accessibility features should be included in addition to accessibility features required as part of federal and local building codes. *The Commission on Aging approved the Housing Committee’s recommendation to use the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) guidelines for universal design. That recommendation has been forward to the Office of Housing.*
- D. OUTCOMES: Guidelines approved and agreement reached that they are to be advisory for new construction of affordable, multi-family housing that receives City-funding support.
- E. COMMISSION ROLE: Work with AHAAC to incorporate our criteria into the Housing Trust Fund application process.

4. Avoid Unnecessary Institutionalization of adults through Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities – Jan Macidull

- A. GOAL: Prevent the unnecessary and/or unwanted institutionalization of those who could and would prefer to remain in their homes for as long as possible.
- B. OBJECTIVE: Residents of Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) and others have increased awareness of available programs and services supportive of older adults and adults with disabilities.
- C. COA ACTION: Support public and private providers in their information and service outreach efforts to reach targeted communities, including NORCs.
- D. OUTCOME: Ongoing - Information/resource person available to residents in 75% of NORCs and increased awareness among targeted groups about how to access resources that help older adults and adults with disabilities remain in their homes. [This is being accomplished by the Community Ambassador Program administered by Senior Services of Alexandria.]
- E. COMMISSION ROLE: Publicize the Community Ambassador Program and encourage volunteers to serve as ambassadors.

Ongoing Committee Concerns

- Update on ARHA use of Vouchers in Public Housing – Charles Bailey
- Draft of P&Z Proposed Zoning Change, from Home for the Elderly to Life Care Facility – Bob Eiffert (*Still no new proposal*)
- ARHA Work Group/City Review of proposed project plans – Jan Macidull
- Two new senior housing developments in the pipeline – Bob Eiffert
- Senior Independent Living Buildings – Charles Baily, Bill Harris, others?

Other Business

Adjourn

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, June 17 at 1:30 p.m. at 4401 Ford Avenue