

Housing Committee

Alexandria Commission on Aging

Virtual Meeting, Friday, September 21, 2020, 1:30 pm

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AGENDA

1. Chair reads virtual meeting notice language:

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2. Welcome and Introductions – Michael Schuster

3. Review and approval of agenda – Michael Schuster

4. Approval of Minutes for March 11 and September 4, 2020 Meetings

5. **Updates: Age Friendly Community Housing Committee Workplan**

I. **Accessory Dwelling Units** – Sam Shelby of Alexandria City Department of Planning and Zoning

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.
- D. OUTCOME by end of 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?).

II. Affordable Assisted Living – Bill Harris

- 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. 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 (*Developer Contribution Work Group work completed, but City has taken no action – and update is scheduled for September 16*); 2) Concept plan created, enhancing interest on the part of policy makers. *DONE*
- E. COMMISSION ROLE: provide input and be actively involved.

III. Housing for a Lifetime – Bob Eiffert – *Note: This goal as stated is complete. The committee could consider other actions, such as a study of service-enriched independent living, and a review of the Rent Relief program.*

- 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.
- 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.

IV. 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 (if any) – Charles Bailey
- Update on Ladrey – Charles Bailey

Other Business –

- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Adjourn

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, October 19, 202 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

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