

**Commission on Aging Housing Committee Meeting for September 27, 2021
1:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**Alexandria Commission on Aging – Housing Committee
Virtual Meeting, Monday, September 27, 2021 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 June 21, 2021 Minutes – Michael Schuster

Updates:

- 1. Presentation on potential Senior Assisted Housing at Landmark Development**
– <https://www.alexandriava.gov/LandmarkVanDorn> - Bob Eiffert
- 2. Proposed goals for new Aging Friendly Plan (See Attachment)** – Jane King and Michael Schuster

As a review, refer to the minutes for the May 17th and June 21st meetings. 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
- Increase the awareness of residents of Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) and homeless shelters of available programs and services supportive of older adults and adults with disabilities.

Other Business –

Public Comments

Adjourn

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

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