

Housing Committee
Alexandria Commission on Aging
Virtual Meeting, Monday, December 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, Committee Chair

3. Review and approval of agenda – Michael Schuster

4. Review and Approval of the October 19, 2020 Committee Meeting Notes – Michael Schuster

Updates: Age Friendly Community Housing Committee Workplan

A. **Accessory Dwelling Units** – (*Now Called Inclusionary Zoning*) -Michael Schuster

(i) GOAL: Determine prospective benefits and challenges regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

(ii) 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)

- (iii) 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.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) 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?).

B. Affordable Assisted Living – Bob Eiffert

- (i) GOAL: Develop public and private mechanisms to enhance availability of affordable assisted living in Alexandria.
- (ii) OBJECTIVE: Develop consistent developer contribution and concept plan.
- (iii) 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. 3) Support Housing Department's recommendations concerning senior housing before both the Alexandria City Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council.
- (iv) OUTCOMES: On December 1, 2020, the Alexandria Planning Commission unanimously approved the affordable housing contributions policy; on December 12, 2020, the Alexandria City Council unanimously approved the Housing Department's affordable housing contribution recommendations, subject to two changes to recommendation One, unrelated to senior housing. *DONE*
- (v) COMMISSION ROLE: provide input and be actively involved.

C. Evictions – Housing Department Official has been invited to speak on this issue - this is a new area for the Commission on Aging. With the expiration of many federal programs after 2020 to help renters and landlords, there will be an incentive for landlords to follow through on evictions. The Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN) has been involved on this issue through advocacy of a mandatory notice on eviction notices of the availability of legal assistance to help tenants facing imminent eviction. How can we contribute on this issue?

Other Business –

Adjourn

Next Committee Meeting: Monday January 25, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

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