

**FAIRFAX AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
FINAL MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

Lake Anne Fellowship House, 11450 North Shore Drive, Reston, VA. 20190

Commissioners Present: Maureen Renault (Vice Chair), Joe Heastie, Suzanne Rudiselle, Tom Bash, Kenneth Malmberg, Nazir Bhagat

Commissioners Absent: Tena Bluhm (Chair), Eileen Duggan, Mary Jo Rasmussen, Faviola Donato-Galindo

Staff Present: Sharon Lynn, Jacquie Woodruff

Others Present: Bonnie O'Leary, Dick Chabot, Cherie Lejeune, Celia Brown, Lawrence Friend, Greta Goldberger, Carleta Tribble, Nancy Harker, Flora Imbuye

Call to Order, Adoption of the day's Agenda

Vice Chair Maureen Renault called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., after a COA tour of the facility. Suzanne motioned that the July minutes be accepted with Eileen's prior changes. Joe seconded.

Public Comments

Several residents from Lake Anne Fellowship Hall expressed concern about rent increases and other building issues. Commissioner Suzanne Rudiselle, who serves on the Fellowship House Foundation, offered to take concerns to the president of the board.

Discussion occurred about the role of the Commission on Aging and also about county services for older adults. Bonnie O'Leary from the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons has received extra money from Fairfax County to offer in-services and can offer an abbreviated presentation to the COA. Joe requested that Bonnie be invited as a speaker.

New Business

The COA discussed their fall schedule of speakers and Golden Gazette article submissions. Julie will provide the next article. Joe suggested that the COA agree on possible subject matter for articles.

The COA began a discussion of short-term and long-term goals, including the following:

- Representation of constituents in districts
- Liaison between Board of Supervisors and public
- Emphasis of community association involvement
- Commissioner specialization based on areas of interests
- Livable communities development
- Information to constituents in districts
- "One-stop shop" funding appeal
- Further exploration of transportation solutions
- Discussion with BOS about continued solutions in spite of budget
- Next iteration of 50+ Action Plan with community forums

Maureen observed that goals of the commissioners include a focus on both policy/infrastructure and front-line constituency concerns.

COA Member Activity and Reports

Ken reported that his committee continues to work on updating the by-laws and hopes to have some proposed language at the next meeting.

Suzanne has been spending a lot of time with Fellowship Square and FISH. Reston for Life is pursuing Fairfax County grants.

Nazir attended a Building For All Committee meeting and is in favor of the suggestion that universal design features be flagged in the MLS.

Joe encouraged all to attend the Northern Virginia Aging Network Legislative Breakfast on October 6. He will get COA Report Form to the commissioners.

Tom has heard that constituents find the caregiver seminars helpful, and he encourages attendance.

Adjournment

Tom motioned that the meeting be adjourned; Nazir seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.