

## **FAIRFAX AREA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)**

**Pennino Building – Room 200/206**  
12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA

### **FINAL MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** Cathy Cole (Chair/At Large), Cathy Muha (Vice Chair/Sully), Joanne Collins (Secretary/Hunter Mill), Kay Larmer (Dranesville), Jim Kirkpatrick (Springfield), Sharron Dreyer (Franconia), Joe Heastie (Providence), Irv Katz (Mason)

**Commissioners Absent:** Diane Watson (Mount Vernon), Mike Perel (Braddock)

**County Staff Present:** Tara Turner, Linda Hernandez-Giblin, Beth Ann Margetta, Ana Valdivia, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging

**County Staff Remote:** Katie Jantzi, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging; John Ruthinoski, Kelsey Brewster, DFS: Data Analytics Unit

**Call to Order:** Chair Cathy Cole called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. In-person Commissioner quorum present.

**Review of the Agenda:** Sharron motioned to adopt the agenda. Kay seconded and the motion was adopted without objection.

**Approval of the minutes:** Review of the April 17, 2024, minutes. Jim motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Kay seconded; the draft minutes were approved.

**Public Comment:** No public comment. Members of the public identified themselves. Marie Norman, Braddock District Council.

**District Host: Franconia, Supervisor Rodney Lusk – in-person**

- Supervisor Lusk pleased to attend the COA meeting and started off with video presentation - Affordable Housing in Fairfax County, Oakwood Meadow Senior Residence in Alexandria.
- Redevelopment of the Franconia Governmental Center to be completed by Summer 2025. The building will include the Franconia Police Station, the Franconia District Supervisor's office, the Kingstowne and the Franconia Museum. It will be the largest single county facility to date, other than the Government Center. Benefits will be intergenerational interactions and allow for building of trust with police.

- Seniors who supported our community over the years need the ability to stay in place near their family. Supervisor Lusk attributed his own success to his grandparents' support.
- COA "E" IDC Silver Shield Tax Mailing Initiative – important to educate older adults about scams. BOS approved an informational flyer to be mailed in partnership with the Tax administration.
- Supervisor Lusk discussed various topics with COA commissioners – home modification, home sharing, communication regarding access to services, transportation, pedestrian safety, anti-scam education, and veteran homelessness.

### **AAA Director's Report: Tara Turner, Director, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging**

- Amazing job presenting SHAPE the Future of Aging Plan (2023-2028), 2024 Annual Update at the Older Adults Meeting on May 14, 2024. BOS approved flyer focused on scams education, Stop Scams in their Tracks, for DTA mailing. Oct 15, 2024, Older Adult Committee, AAA staff will demo the Embodied Lab experience.
- Preliminary Market research report received in advance of marketing awareness campaign with recommendations to improve communications.
- Upcoming Events: Supervisor Dan Storck's Senior Safety Summit, May 18; Powered by Connections Older Adults Resource Fair, May 22, in recognition of Older Adults month.

### **Presentation – Technology Education at the NCS Senior Centers – Robert O'Quinn, Digital Access and Literacy Coordinator, and George Cadima, Information Technology Educator, NCS**

- Defining digital equity provides opportunities for residents to access digital tools to bridge the digital divide for older adults and people with disabilities.
- Dept of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living designated one million dollars to Fairfax County based on a 20-21 grant submission.
- Equipment and supplies deployed in Senior Centers / Adult Day Care Centers, NCS Community Centers and community-based non-profit partner sites.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Debrief on May 14 Older Adults (OAC) Committee**

- Commissioners discussed Supervisor comments from the 2024 Annual Update Report given at the May 14<sup>th</sup> OAC meeting.

### **SHAPE the Future of Aging Initiative Development Committees**

- "E" IDC - Kay Larmer
  - End of Life Planning Summation and Plans (Martha Cooper) discussion.

**Data Analytics Mapping Update: John Ruthinoski**

- All maps will be on the COA Portal in the SHAPE Mapping Results folder. You can share with a sub-committee via pdf or pull it up on screen.

**Announcements:**

**May 17, 2024, 1:30pm Commission on Women**

- Gains, Gaps & Goals: The Status of Women and Girls in Fairfax County

**June 12, 2024, 12noon COA Meeting (virtual) – Hunter Mill is host.**

- Combat Institutional Ageism

**Oct 15, 2024, 3pm Older Adults Meeting – Embodied Labs presentation**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kay motioned to adjourn meeting. Cathy M. seconded and motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.


Minutes prepared by Joanne Collins, COA Secretary.  
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Cathy Cole, COA Chair

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