

Aging in Place in the Community (AIPC)
March 10, 2015
7300 Calhoun Place, Room 6C

Present: CoA members Miriam Kelty, Chair, Isabelle Schoenfeld, Spence Schron and guests, Sarah Gotbaum, Yonette Williams, Karen Maricheau. Pazit Aviv, Montgomery County Village Coordinator

This meeting was devoted to discussion of a framework for assessing AIPC's progress on accomplishing its goals as stated in June 2014. A framework for the discussion and work sessions was prepared by Karen Maricheau. The AIPC expressed its appreciation to Karen for preparing the framework and helping us with a context in which to assess progress.

The framework is attached along with a first reflection of AIPC input using it.

The AIPC worked for 1.5 hours completing the framework for one area that AIPC monitors: transportation. There was discussion about how to define objectives vs. specific tasks, about whether plans to meet with transportation experts constituted specific tasks, and of the scope of AIPC's concerns, e.g. seniors, seniors with disabilities, people of any age with disabilities and/or who used wheels and of whether our concerns extended to all or most aspects of age-friendly communities.

AIPC considered possible Summer Study topics it might want to propose to the COA. Affordable housing and Age-Friendly Communities or How Age-Friendly Communities are being implemented in the U.S. are possible topics. They will be discussed further at the April AIPC meeting. The Committee learned that the Senior Subcabinet met on March 10 and tabled the planned discussion on establishing a Task Force on Age-Friendly Communities for Montgomery County. Isabelle explained that discussion of the Senior Summit, planned for December 2015, bumped discussion of Age-Friendly Montgomery County from the agenda. Isabelle agreed to talk with Odile about whether there is a task related to Age-Friendly Communities that might inform the planned Senior Summit.

At the next meeting a representative from Ride-On will be invited to educate the AIPC about how bus routes and schedules are determined, information about ridership and criteria for decision making about changes in service and schedules and about accessibility of vehicles and driver training to assist seniors and people with disabilities.