



Aging and Community (AIC) minutes
September 9, 2025
9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30

Attendees:

Wayne Berman, Betsy Carrier, Vernell DeWitty, Norman Goldstein, Linda Bergofsky, ChiQuita Battle, Candy Schimming, Joyce Dubow, Albert Woodward, Sibon Ncube, Mary Sweeney, Laurie Pross

Guests:

Eric Kuo Wang, Stacy with Loving Support Inc and Rachel Goldberg, JCA,

Staff: Pazit Aviv and Peter Illig

Meeting summary: Budget Prioritization Meeting:

The Budget Prioritization Meeting focused on selecting budget priorities for the Commission on Aging (COA). Key proposals included funding for startup villages to serve diverse, lower-income older adults, with a \$60,000 budget for up to four villages. It was suggested that data should be added to support this initiative.

Another topic that was raised was senior homelessness, with a call for more information and potential solutions. The meeting also discussed the importance of universal design in housing and the need for a work group to develop this project.

Please note: The date for the next AIC meeting has been changed and is scheduled for Monday, October 13th at 9:30

Action Items from the meeting:

- Enhance the village startup funding proposal to include a case study example, details on sustainability, funding sources, and potential partner organizations.
- Gather data on the extent of senior homelessness in the county and potential solutions, explore whether a budget priority
- Start a workgroup to identify universal design curricula and explore a partnership on this topic with MCPS and Montgomery College.
- A workgroup will be started that will focus on identifying available data and data that is needed to identify needs of older adults.
- The October AIC meeting date has been changed to Monday, October 13th at 9:30am.

Other business:

Betsy welcomed Vernell DeWitty for joining as co-chair of the AIC Committee and thanks Wayne Berman for his service as co-chair.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the July 9 minutes.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:15.