

**AGING IN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
OF THE
COMMISSION ON AGING**

April 9, 2019

9:30-11:30 am

7300 Calhoun Place, Room 6C Rockville, MD

In Attendance: Monica Schaeffer, Nanine Meiklejohn, Miriam Kelty

Staff: Pazit Aviv

Guests: Mary Sweeney (GROWS), Sara Fought (JCA), Lisa govoni (Montgomery County Planning Department)

Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/Follow-up
1. Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of March 12 Minutes		
2. Affordable Housing Models for Intergenerational Living: Discussion led by Mary Sweeney.	Co-Living and Co-Housing models were defined and explained as examples of how Montgomery County could explore future housing options for seniors. Co-living is defined as sharing a home with one or more others. This can be a single family home or a pre-planned space where individuals have their own small space	

combined with shared common space.

Can be all seniors or mixed age, ie: College students living with seniors.

Silvernest is a fairly new site that matches seniors looking to home-share.

Co-housing is an intergenerational community of private homes clustered around a shared space (community center and park areas). They are usually resident-owned, residents share common values have community responsibilities. Examples in our area are Takoma and Eastern Village in Silver Spring. The “Minka” model, a prototype community created by aging expert Bill Thomas at the University of Southern Indiana, is one to watch. It incorporates multi-ability, multi-generational pre-fab smart homes designed to embrace people of a ages and ability levels.

Air B&B (Backyard) is currently looking at new ways to design and build homes that can be shared.

The CE budget includes \$178K for a Home-sharing pilot program. The AIC committee will ask to have input when the RFP is completed. Pazit will keep us updated.

At the Sept. meeting of the AIC, the committee will decide if we want to invite Sara Lovinger from Leading Age Maryland to come present information about Takoma Village.

Links to two good articles on Senior House Sharing and Co-housing:

<https://seniorplanet.org/senior-house-sharing-is-on-the-rise/>

<https://www.senioradvice.com/articles/what-is-senior-co-housing>

Lisa Govoni of the MC Planning Department described two projects currently being undertaken:

1. **Preservation of Affordable Housing** will examine the County's existing policies and best practices in other jurisdictions for understanding preservation and identify policy changes and strategies for MC with regard to encouraging affordable housing preservation through redevelopment and/or rehabilitation.
2. **Analysis of public lands/religious institutions owned lands**-Using a detailed methodology on factors including zoning, parcel size, location, and slopes, analysis of public lands and lands owned by religious institutions will be examined for the viability of creating affordable housing on them.

COA will monitor both projects and request opportunity to comment.

3. New Business		
4. Next Meeting: 5-14-19		