



Clark County Commission on Aging
1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor
Vancouver, Washington

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Ritchie, Chuck Frayer, Bob Holdridge, Pat Janik, Marjorie Ledell, Herb Maxey, Linda O’Leary

Absent: Karin Woll, Ali Caley Smith

Staff: Colete Anderson, Jacqueline Kamp, Kathy Schroader

Welcome and Call to Order

- Chair Bill Ritchie opened the meeting. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes from November 17 was unanimously approved.
- Chair Report – Bill –I’ve been very involved with working with the homeless situation here in Vancouver.
- Vice–Chair report – Bob –No AAA advisory meeting this month.
- Communication – Marjorie –Covered in work session, more on housing later.
- Treasure report – Chuck – COA funds have not changed, holding at \$853.00
- hOur IMPACT – Linda – We’re now partnering with Fort Vancouver Regional Library District. FVRL is willing to be an information hub. We’ve scheduled a series of meetings in early 2016. The dates, times and locations are on your handout. The hOur IMPACT program has seen a dramatic increase in membership – 54 members to date.
- Universal Green Design Update – Chuck – No update. The Housing Committee is meeting at 9am Friday in the PSC on the 3rd floor
- Update on tiny House Village – Bill– First time since I have been in Clark County, I have seen every segment of the county working together to accomplish one thing that effects the whole county. Everyone is moving forward on this. This Thursday, there will be a meeting with the neighborhood association. We will be Putting 40 tiny houses (8 x 10 x 7 ft. high) with 12 ft. isles between them on the site. The site will also include six portable potty units, a 10x30 trailer for the director, two 12 x 56 trailers: one for eating and the other for computing, watching TV or whatever. All trailers will have heat, air condition and lights. The site includes an off street parking area. Hopefully this will become a template for other uses in the county.

Presentation

Jan Wichert, Vancouver Housing Authority and Bridgeview Education and Employment Resource Center presented on the new Bridgeview Resource Center. Working in partnership with the VHA the goal is to connect low-income families to the resources necessary to break the cycle of poverty: Housing, education, employment and healthcare.

Our Programs:

Campus of Learners – Skyline Community

Youth and teen after school program

Family Support

Community Health Advocates (CHA)

What's Next – A boys and girls club will open on our Skyline campus spring 2016, in conjunction a new Bridgeview Education and Employment Resource Center is planned to provide services for low income adults.

Other Education initiatives:

Early Childhood Development

College Focus

Housing Stability Program

Community involvement and employment program (CIEAP)

Case Managed Programs:

Housing Works

Resident Opportunities for Self Sufficiency

Gaining Opportunity at lifelong Success

Elderly and Disabled Resident Programming:

Funded through HUD, VHA Elderly and Disabled Service Coordinator connect resident at VHA senior and special needs, we serve 431 senior households through this program.

Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

The next open, general meeting will be December 18.

The Clark County Commission on Aging provides leadership and creates community engagement in addressing the needs and opportunities of aging.