

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marjorie Ledell, Ali Caley, Herb Maxey, Bill Ritchie, Donna Roberge, Marian Anderson, Linda O’Leary

Members Absent: Chuck Frayer, Pat Janik

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Marjorie Ledell asked for a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved. Marjorie asked for a motion to approve minutes from October 18. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

- **Chair Report** – Marjorie thanked Roy Johnson for presenting in October. The COA would also like to thank Sherri Dickerson (Vancouver Housing Authority) and Christina Marnaris (AAADSWA) for assisting our attendees.
- **Vice Chair Report** – Ali noted that the COA will be using a similar speaker format in 2017 to focus on supportive services. A committee has been working with community partners to solidifying the topics. The first speaker will present in March 2017 following the Housing Summit.
- **Communication Report** – Linda stated that the planning efforts for the February housing summit and Annual Report is wrapping up.
- **Housing Committee** – Marian said that the Housing Committee is continuing to work on the policy recommendations for the Board.
- **Area Aging and Disabilities Report** – Marjorie noted that the COA is looking forward to lobby day, February 23, 2017.

2. Presentation – *The Future of Housing and How it Will Change How We Live*

Marjorie explained that tonight we have our 10th and final speaker in our housing series where the primary focus has been on housing for people 60 and over. Aaron Murphy is a business man, entrepreneur and community philanthropist. Aaron has over 20 years in the fields of architecture and real estate.

Questions:

- You mentioned the Home Equity credit, what are your thoughts on the reverse mortgage issue? Aaron noted that it’s tough to make a blanket statement. Do your research - it’s the right answer for some and not for others.
- Can you give us a brief summary of how Atlanta has succeeded in promoting this kind of housing? Aaron said that they incentivized builders.
- For a typical single family, median priced home, if we were to do a zero step entry, wider door, wider hallways and accessible bathroom how much more would it would cost? Aaron said that if this was new construction then there would be no cost difference.
- In your visit to Japan, did you find they were more technology advanced to assist with aging in place? Aaron said that in general yes.

Public Comments/Questions:

- Is there advice on making the ultimate home - one that can take care of itself when you are gone two or three months every year? Arron suggested being careful in your product selection, for example, products that are easy to maintain.
- I was wondering if you know about resale value of a home that has been modified. Arron said that there are two sides to that argument. The average home lifecycle is seven years so do what is best for you. The next four buyers of your home will thank you for it.

3. New Business

Marjorie mentioned that the December 13 meeting will be a next work session only. The January 17 will be a joint meeting with the County Counselors.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

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