

**District of Columbia Commission on Aging
Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Attendance

Commissioners: Guleford Bobo, Chairman; Carolyn Matthews, Vice Chairwoman; Barbara Hair; Barbara Lee; Grace Lewis; Mary Taylor; Nancy Miranda; Charles Hicks; Marguerite Pridgen

Ex-Officio Members: David Quick (DCPL); Veronica Longstreth (DOH)

Members of the Public: Ron Swanda (Former Ward 6 Commissioner); Ceily Mendie (DPR); Ali Khavari (DDOT); Jerry Kasunic (DFHV); Vivian Guerra (DDOT); Heather Foote (Age-Friendly City),

D.C. Office on Aging (DCOA) Staff Present: Laura Newland, Director; Garret King, Chief of Staff; Christian Barrera, Deputy Chief of Staff; Lance Holt, Chief of Staff

I. Call to Order

Guleford Bobo (Chairman) called the meeting to order at 10:11 am.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Commission's March 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction regarding grant review panel.

III. Presentation(s)

D.C. Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) Update

Director Laura Newland gave an update of the upcoming events for June. Pride Parade June 8th, Senior Symposium June 19th, Senior Fest June 28th, Ms. Senior DC Pageant June 30th. Director Newland mentioned that the budget was not final and would be revealed in June.

Chairman Bobo asked if the funding would help more wellness center programs. Director Newland's responded that the idea is to serve more people.

Commissioner Hicks wanted to acknowledge Veronica Pace for her service that she did as a director/community leader for the aging population. He also wanted to thank Director Laura and her staff for responding.

Department For Hire Vehicles (DFHV)

Administrative Officer Jerry Kasunic gave a PowerPoint presentation about DFHV agency, grants and Transport DC. The focus is on Wards 7 and 8, due to the fact that their data shows

that services people need are focused in other wards. Drivers only make \$26-36,000 a year, he is looking for FY20 to have the drivers make 25 dollars an hour. He noted that ridership has increased 14% each month.

Commissioner Lee wanted to know if people who have Metro Access can we use the service. The answer was yes. The average ride was 9:50 to 12:50 one way. Transport DC is \$10 round trip. Mr. Kasunic said that DFHV is looking to establish a Universal Driver ID, so that the drivers will be able to switch from Uber, Lyft, DFHV or any other ride share. Transport DC, is looking to establish were you can book in advance.

DC Department for Transportation

Vivian Guerra and Ali Khavari of DDOT presented to the Commission

DDOT has a lunch and learn every month for the seniors

- 1) Safe and Private Transportation: This includes sidewalks, streetlights and signage, timed streetlights
- 2) Informed Travelers
- 3) Expand bicycle usage working with bike share, different types of bikes working with DPR.
- 4) Wanted to know where the problem areas that have the issues with crossing lanes and traffic signals. It was determined that it was Wards 7 and 8.

Department of Parks and Recreation

Cecily Mendie DPR Facility Manger for the Wellness Centers annouced that the Senior Boat Ride would be July 19th. She has reached out to all of the Wellness Centers, only heard from 3. She is also looking to establish computer programs for the seniors and start a newsletter.

Chairman Bobo suggested that he would like to meet with Ms. Mendie on a regular basis, and have better resources for the seniors.

Vice Chairwoman Matthews would like all the Wellness Centers to interact with DPR.

IV. General Discussion

Commissioner Hicks mentioned that the Commission's would be in July, and a committee will be established.

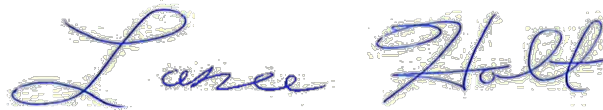
VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

These minutes were recorded by W. Lance Holt, Staff Assistance, DC Department of Aging and Community Living, and were formally approved by the Commission on Aging on June 26, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lance Holt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "H".

Lance Holt
Staff Assistant
DC Department of Aging and Community Living