

**Written Public Testimony
FY 2017 Operating and CIP Budgets**

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March 21, 2016 - Public Hearing #1

Speaker	Resident / Organization	Comment / Request
Serena Mehra	Resident	City should reduce the connection cost for installing one inch water meters

April 4, 2016 - Public Hearing #2

Speaker	Resident / Organization	Comment / Request
Ariel Hensley	Nourish Now	Thank you for considering caregiver grant funding for this program
Noreen Stovall	Rockville Villages	Fund Villages facilitator position
Joyce Lipman	Human Services Advisory Commission	Designate 1% of City's operating budget to be allocated for Caregiver grants
Agnes Saenz	Rockville Caregiver's Coalition	Allocate the \$20,000 that was included in the budget for Montgomery Avenue Women's Shelter to Kaseman Health Clinic (\$10,000), Rockland House (\$4,300), and Rainbow Place (\$5,000)
Lynn Arndt	Community Ministries of Rockville Rockland House	Add funding for Rockland House
Jim Marrinan	Kaseman Health Clinic	Restore \$10,000 funding for Kaseman Clinic
Nancy Sushinsky	Rainbow Place	Addressed the need for caregiver services in the City of Rockville
Laurie Boyer	REDI	Provide \$50,000 as seed money for business incentive programs

April 18, 2016 - Public Hearing #3

Speaker	Resident / Organization	Comment / Request
Patricia Wolff	Peerless Rockville	Support funding for Peerless Rockville
Robert Ekman	Rockville Science Center	Fully fund Rockville Science Center
Norene Stovall	Rockville Villages Steering Committee	Add a new position for Villages facilitator rather than increase the hours of current positions
Hannah Zollman	Kid Museum	Provide \$50,000 for Kid Museum
Abigail Ferretti	Swim and Fitness Advisory Committee	Provide future funding for further upgrades to the Swim and Fitness Center
Samuel Ferretti	Resident	Provide future funding for further upgrades to the Swim and Fitness Center, especially outdoor pool recreation
Brian Jones	Resident	Opposes refuse change
Agnes Saenz	Rockville Caregiver's Coalition	Add \$5,000 additional funding for Elderly Ministries Program (total of \$90,000)
Brigitta Mullican	Resident	Supports Villages facilitator position; supports refuse change

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: S <steprid@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 5:22 PM
To: Bridget Newton; Beryl Feinberg; Virginia Onley; Julie Palakovich Carr; Mark Pierzchala; mayorcouncil
Cc: Barbara Matthews
Subject: BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE REVIEW OF THE ROCKVILLE BOARDS & COMMISSION SYSTEM
Attachments: THE ROCKVILLE SYSTEM OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS 2016 Review and Budget Request.pdf

Dear Mayor Newton and Rockville City Council,

As promised, please see my attached and updated request for an independent review and reform of the Rockville Boards and Commission System and the role of the city staff. I'm pleased to be able to send this to you with a few updates and additions from the previous proposal of April 28, 2015. I continue to believe that such a review is in the best interest of improved functioning of the system with the hope that my budget request will be approved for the FY2017 year and that such a review will become institutionalized in the city's standard review and evaluation schedule.

I'll be delighted to meet with you to discuss the proposal and look forward to distributing the request to other Rockville residents with the hope that you and they will support it. You are welcome to share the proposal with anyone who needs to review it. Certainly contact me at any time if you have any questions regarding this proposal.

Best Regards,

Stephanie Riddick
Rockville Resident

**THE ROCKVILLE SYSTEM OF BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS AND THE ROLE OF THE CITY
STAFF**

A REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND REFORM

Prepared by Stephanie Riddick, Rockville Resident

January 15, 2016

Date: January 15, 2016

To: Mayor Bridget Newton and City Council Members Beryl Feinberg, Virginia Onley, Julie Palakovich Carr, Mark Pierzchala

From: Stephanie Riddick – Rockville Resident

Cc: Residents of Rockville, City Staff, Other

RE: A Budget Request for an Independent Review of the Rockville System of Boards and Commissions and the Included Role of the City Staff of Rockville

Dear Mayor Newton and City Council of Rockville,

I'm pleased to present you with an updated version of my April 28, 2015 request for review and reforms of the system of Rockville Boards and Commissions. Based on my experience as a Rockville resident for more than a decade and nearly thirty months serving on one of the committees of the Rockville Environment Commission, as a member of the Rockville Sister City Inc. (RSCC) for several years and interacting with other Boards and Commissions, I would like to again respectfully submit a budget request for a professionally conducted fully independent review of the Rockville Board and Commission System. It has been a valuable experience participating in the above mentioned city organizations. The Boards and Commissions of the City of Rockville play a vital role in advising you of the citizen's views of important issues, procedures and recommended budgetary expenditures and policies. Important decisions that affect all city residents are taken based on the information and guidance they provide to you. Because of the importance of this function I believe that it is vital that the city's Boards and Commissions and the role of the city staff in the system also receive adequate review and oversight. This is to ensure that they are functioning as intended, are enhancing the lives of Rockville residents and those that participate in them and are representative or moving towards being more representative of the increasingly diverse population in the city.

I recall it was one of the Council members that once said something to the effect that it was a good idea to review systems and positions from time to time. I agree. I have been reviewing the city's information to determine when or if a comprehensive review of the system of Boards and Commissions has ever been conducted. If a prior review was conducted I will review the evaluation and if that is not the case then I am pleased to offer the opportunity now to consider a needed review of how the system of Boards and Commissions has affected the lives of Rockville residents over at least the past five to ten years. In general, I would encourage a review of this type for the system of Boards and Commissions and city staff at least every four to five years. Below I have provided a brief description of the outline and objectives of my request in order to submit a budget request for the FY2017 budget in a timely way. However I look forward to a much broader discussion with you of my concerns and recommendations in this area later this year. I thank you in advance for considering this important review and budget request and will gladly answer any questions you may have.

Outline of the Review of Rockville Boards and Commissions and Budgetary Request

A. Objective

The objective of this request is to have an organizational specialist conduct an independent review and study of the Rockville System of Boards and Commissions to determine strengths, weaknesses, evaluate advice provided to the Mayor and City Council, and contributions to the improvement of the lives of city residents. It is also vital that the role of staff participation in the Commission system be thoroughly evaluated. The review would include recommendations for improvements and reforms.

B. Budget Request

This request is for a minimum research budget of \$50,000 and/or an appropriate additional amount as needed determined by the standard procurement process for the design and implementation of the review.

C. Methodology

It is essential that the review be conducted by an independent contracted organizational specialist that does not have any special interest in the outcome and can provide the highest level of objectivity possible. It is important to avoid any competing or conflicts of interest in this review from any party (Commissioners, staff, others) for the study to be of value to you and to taxpayers and to be of the greatest benefit to city residents. As a result the specific methodology with your approval would be determined by the chosen specialist.

It is highly recommended that the review consist of surveys and interviews of current Board and Commission members, former Board and Commission members, committee members of current Boards and Commissions, current and former Mayor and City Council members, city staff including staff liaisons, and residents at large including the solicitation of public comments. The study should also include a review of important advice, resolutions and decisions given to the Mayor and City Council by the Boards and Commissions, especially those that resulted in new policies and budget commitments. The experiences of Boards and Commissions in other local governments could also be studied. Recommendations and reforms to be considered and utilized over the next five years should be included in the summary of the review and be available to city residents.

D. Timeline

If approved the review would take place during the FY 2017 year (starting after July 1, 2016) with a completed report and recommendations due no later than the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2017) and preferably earlier if possible. If possible the review could also be initiated before June 30, 2016 and be conducted with unused funds from the current FY2016 year.

E. Key Issues for Consideration

Important issues for consideration in a review of the system of Boards and Commissions and the role of the city staff should include but not be limited to the following:

- Effectiveness and Efficiency of Operations of Rockville Boards and Commissions
- Satisfaction Level of City Residents with the Rockville System of Boards and Commissions
- The Role of the City Staff of Rockville in Rockville Boards and Commissions
- Resolution of Existing and Potential Conflicts of Interest in the Rockville Boards and Commissions
- Level of Diversity in Rockville Boards and Commissions
- Satisfaction Level of Participating Board and Commission Members and Other Residents
- Clarification of Workplace type and Civil Rights Protections for Rockville Residents in the Commission System
- Transparency of Operations, Ethics Guidance and Information Sharing of Boards and Commissions and City Staff
- Interaction of Boards and Commissions with the Mayor and City Council
- Current and Future Training Needs/Opportunities and Resources for Boards and Commissions and City Staff
- Communication Issues and Opportunities of Boards and Commissions
- External Relationships of Boards and Commissions
- Financial Resources Available to Boards and Commissions

F. Plans for Future Reviews of Rockville Boards and Commissions

It is strongly recommended that if not currently included in the regular schedule of city evaluations and budget, that the City of Rockville permanently commit to an independent review of the Rockville Boards and Commissions and the role of the city staff at least every four or five years. This schedule of reviews is in the interest of efficiency, accountability, transparency, diversity and of being the greatest value to our Mayor and City Council and all Rockville residents. I thank the Mayor and City Council for reviewing and considering this request as being in the best interest of all city residents and look forward to any questions or further discussion on the proposal with the Mayor and City Council and with city residents.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Louise Atkins
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 10:11 AM
To: S
Cc: Barbara Matthews; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE REVIEW OF THE ROCKVILLE BOARDS & COMMISSION SYSTEM

Dear Ms. Riddick:

I wanted to confirm to you that each of the Mayor and Council have received a copy of your email, and your FY 2017 budget request for a review of the Rockville Boards and Commission system.

The Mayor and Council held their first worksession on the FY2017 budget on January 11, and will discuss the budget again at a worksession on February 8. If you would like to provide public input during the budget process, public hearings are scheduled for March 21, April 4 and April 18. I am attaching a link to the budget schedule on the website for your convenience.

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?nid=951>

Thank you for contacting the City of Rockville.

Sincerely,

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Best Regards,

Stephanie Riddick
Rockville Resident

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:47 AM
To: 'Leslie Francis'; gelinjac_verizon_mail; bej4@verizon.net; mayorcouncil
Cc: bridget newton
Subject: RE: Reduced revenue in Rockville

Mr. Francis,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

The Mayor and Council will hold Public Hearing #1 on March 21, 2016. The Public Record will close on April 25, 2016. Mayor and Council Worksession #2 is scheduled for February 8, with budget adoption scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016.

The Mayor and Council appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Acting City Clerk

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From: Leslie Francis [mailto:aradrom@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 2:18 PM
To: gelinjac_verizon_mail <gelinjac@verizon.net>; bej4@verizon.net; mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Cc: bridget newton <BDNDG@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Reduced revenue in Rockville

We all know that city budget is way out of whack. The city should be operating with a budget in the \$80-million range. Take a look at the City of Frederick budget. The Rockville voters have spoken.....all 15% of them. They like nice over competence. In a democracy.....you get the kind of government you deserve. Now we are stuck with this group of incompetents for 4 years. The city will probably be filing for bankruptcy during that time.

-----Original Message-----

From: gelinjac_verizon_mail
Sent: Jan 31, 2016 9:56 AM
To: bej4@verizon.net
Cc: bridget newton
Subject: Re: Reduced revenue in Rockville

I agree with your suggestions but would go further: every department should have to justify its current staffing level. The City Manager's staff, heavily devoted to PR and feel-good activities, would be a prime target (in contrast, the M & C have virtually no staff and thus are

unable to analyze important initiatives and policies, relegating them to impotence and ceremonial functions). The planning staff fails to perform adequately and when anything important arises immediate switches to hiring expensive consultants. The response to the latest snowfall has revealed serious incompetence in the public works department.

From: bej4@verizon.net

Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 10:40 AM

To: gelinjac@verizon.net

Subject: Re: Reduced revenue in Rockville

Jack, do you have any suggestions of where there are personnel cost savings? Remember that I have been championing that use of budgeting with lapse. That is, there are always vacant positions, so instead of budgeting 100% of the personnel costs, you take a lump sum reduction, say 3-5% and a negative cost reduction against the actual position costs. The Finance dept. and Financial Advisory Board simply refuse to entertain this, but it is a common practice in budgeting. NOT doing this has enabled the city to NOT budget for a lump sum annual leave program of 250K because they know there are personnel cost savings. This program enables staff to receive payment for up to one week of leave per year....increasing their actual compensation. This has become a policy, but in my mind, if things get tough, this should go. We could save \$\$ by eliminating this 'shadow' benefit and employing lapse in budgeting.

Beryl

On 01/16/16, [gelinjac_verizon_mail<gelinjac@verizon.net>](mailto:gelinjac_verizon_mail@gelinjac@verizon.net) wrote:

I just saw this. This is an opportunity to improve Rockville's government. Don't let staff say that we'll have to reduce trash pickup or increase real estate taxes, as if these are the only possible alternatives. I believe that there are a few city staff positions that could easily be eliminated and that this would benefit the city. Think this through.

Rockville revenue under pressure by Wynne, state decisions

ROCKVILLE – City staffers are preparing for a \$200,000 reduction in income tax revenues this year as a result of a United States Supreme Court decision last year and how the state has misallocated County income tax revenue.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and the four City Council members discussed the budget during a work session at their first regularly scheduled meeting of 2016 Monday.

According to worksheet signed by City Manager Barbara Matthews and chief financial officer Gavin Cohen, "The General Fund forecast currently assumes that income tax will be reduced to \$12.2 million in FY 2017 (down from \$12.4 in FY 2015 and FY 2016) and will increase by a modest two percent in each subsequent year."

The city document provided a warning to the council members about potential hits to the city's income tax revenue.

"In FY 2017 and in future years, this revenue category will be impacted by the Supreme Court decision on the Wynne case and the misallocation by the State of County income tax revenue," states the document.

At the work session, Council member Mark Pierzchala asked Stacey Webster, who serves as the deputy director of finance for the city, about a change in revenue data.

"I would say the number-one fundamental change was our income tax estimates," said Webster.

Webster explained she removed between \$400,000 to \$600,000 a year from the expected income tax revenue based on actual numbers from the most recent budget.

"Knowing that between the Wynne case and the misallocation of revenue, we are probably going to take at least a couple-hundred-thousand-dollar hit a year. So I wanted to make sure we were showing a conservative estimate on income tax even though we do not have any final information," said Webster. "That's just a very, very initial estimate."

Council member Beryl Feinberg noted a \$2.3 million adjustment for employee salaries, which is commonly referred to as "comp and class" or compensation and classification, meant a rise in personnel costs for the city.

"I think that put some added stress on the budget," said Feinberg, calling the figures from Webster "somewhat sobering."

The city document from Cohen and Matthews also stated the Wynne decision and what city officials are described as the state's misallocation of the income tax revenue "could potentially have serious impacts to the City's overall General Fund resources."

Cohen and Matthews cautioned the Mayor and council "that these impacts could lead to major revenue or expenditure changes, such as increases in the property tax rate or decreases to City programs or services."

The city worksheet noted a 1 cent property tax increase could be in the cards for fiscal year 2018.

Rockville's property tax rate currently stands at \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed value and \$0.805 per \$100 of assessed value for personal property.

Pierzchala said he wanted to ward off that potential tax hike if possible.

"There's just a fundamental shift between Fiscal Year '16 and Fiscal Year '17 and perhaps (FY) '18 that really gives me pause and I'd rather start addressing some of this this year if not the whole thing," said Pierzchala.

According to Webster, the city should be able to avoid tax increases in FY '17, but she was less certain about the future.

"I think when we can look at what our FY '17 budget will look like, and I'm pretty confident we can do FY '17 without any sort of tax rate increase, but we'll have a better idea moving forward of what our programs are costing this year because they've definitely changed since the FY '16 budget was adopted," said Webster.

@pwcdanica

February 2, 2016

Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Rockville
Bridget Donnell Newton
Beryl L. Feinberg
Julia Palakovich Carr
Mark Pierzchala
Virginia D. Onley

Dear Mayor Newton and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition, thank you for your support of the Human Services and the Caregiver Grants Program throughout the years. Your support is indicative of the City's continued commitment to its most vulnerable residents. With this letter, we are asking for you to renew that commitment by supporting our request to make the Caregiver's budget 1% of the City's General Fund.

In the FY16 adopted budget, the total general fund equaled \$74.6 million, 1% of that would be \$746,000. The total of the FY16 adopted funding for Caregivers was \$645,050. The difference between the \$746,000 and the \$645,050 is a little over \$100,000.

Therefore, as you work on the preparation of the FY17 budget, we ask that \$100,950 be added to the Caregiver Grants Program to make the Caregiver's budget 1% of the City's General Fund FY16 adopted budget.

The Rockville Caregiver's Coalition was formed over 30 years ago by Community Ministries of Rockville in partnership with the City of Rockville Community Services Division with the purpose of bringing all the groups providing Human Services in Rockville together. Today, the Coalition is made up of 14 nonprofit organizations which operate over 24 programs providing housing, healthcare, cultural diversity, emergency assistance, food, clothing and youth and family services. They received city funding in FY16 and are listed in the signature pages. In addition, four other organizations that regularly participate in the Caregivers Coalition include Rockville Help, Rockville Housing Enterprises, the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Montgomery Hospice Inc., and the Rockville Senior Center.

The total amount requested in Caregiver grants for FY 17 exceeds \$951,000. This is a significant increase of 16% over the amount requested last year of \$816,606 and it is a higher increase of 47% over the amount adopted in FY16 of \$645,050. This increase is attributed to greater demands for services for all providers and additional new applicants. Therefore asking for 1% of the City's General Fund to be earmarked for the Caregivers Budget is modest request in light of the current need.

As a way of background in the past ten years funding history of the Caregiver programs, the highest percentage of the city's general fund awarded to Caregiver programs has been 0.91% in FY13 and the lowest 0.72% in FY08. In comparing those to the requested amounts in the past

ten years, the highest percentage has been 1.09% in FY16 and the lowest 0.84% in FY08. In the past five years requested amounts have always exceeded the 1%.

With your help and commitment we can improve the programs, services, and number of people benefitting from the Caregiver Programs.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request and will be happy to provide any supporting information that may help you in the budget process.

Cordially,

The Caregiver Agencies Members of the Rockville Caregiver Coalition

Agnes Saenz, Rockville Caregivers Coalition Coordinator and Executive Director of Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR). CMR Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Jefferson House, Rockland House, Elderly Ministries, Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic, Language Outreach Program and Rockville Emergency Assistance Program

Shane Rock, Executive Director of Interfaith Works (IW). IW Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Horizon Homes, Wilkins Avenue Women's Assessment Center, and Interfaith Clothing Center.

Susie Sinclair-Smith, Executive Director of Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH). MCCH Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Home Builders Care Assessment Center, and Hope Housing.

Ferework Fuje, LICSW

Ferewok Fuje, Director of the Maryland Housing Program, Catholic Charities (CC). CC Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Bethesda House, Chase Partnership House, and Dorothy Day Place.

Ann Chapman, Executive Director of Helping Hands Shelter, Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

Robert Dorsey, Executive Director of the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center.

Nancy Sushingsky

Nancy Sushingsky, executive Director Rainbow Place, Rockville Presbyterian Church.

Jaye Matthews

Jaye Matthews, Executive Director of Stepping Stones Shelter

Jackie DeCarlo

Jackie DeCarlo, Executive Director of Manna Food

Luz Angela Escobar, LGSW, IBCLC, Team Leader
Healthy Families Montgomery
Family Services, Inc.

Kylie B. McCleaf, Executive Director of Family Services, Healthy Families Montgomery Program

Kate Lu

Kate Lu, Executive Director of Pan Asian Health Clinic

Rika Granger
Aspire Counseling

Tamara George, Executive Director of Aspire Counseling, Positive Aging Project

Peter F. Lowet

Peter Lowet, Executive Director of Mobile Med, Rockville Primary Care Program

Ji-Young Cho

Ji-Young Cho, Executive Director of Korean C.C. of Greater Washington, Comprehensive Community Empowerment Program

Cc: Barbara Matthews, City Manager, City of Rockville
Gavin Cohen, Director of Finance, City of Rockville
Stacey Webster, Deputy Director of Finance, City of Rockville
Tim Chesnut, Director Recreations and Park, City of Rockville
Carlos Aparicio, Community Services Division Manager, City of Rockville

AAME

Association of Administrative Municipal Employees City of Rockville, Maryland

DATE: October 20, 2015

FROM: Association of Administrative Municipal Employees (AAME)

TO: Barbara B. Matthews, City Manager

VIA: Karen Marshall, Director of Human Resources
Collette Anthony, Employee/Labor Relations Manager

SUBJECT: AAME FY 2016 Work Program and FY 2017 Budget Proposals

FY2016 Work Program

1. Participate in the development of a revised performance evaluation tool and revised merit award matrix.
2. Resubmit request for an explanation of the City's short and long term disability programs.
3. Work with AFSCME, FOP and Human Resources to develop a transparent process for future updates to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.
4. Request full transparency in the budget process.
5. Request that the budget projection of 3% annual increase in employee salaries be increased to a more appropriate number, which will enable the Mayor and Council to fully fund the adopted merit system and grant an annual COLA.
6. Request reinstatement of an employee recognition program, including reinstatement of instant gratification awards (these should not cost a great deal and should be funded in FY2016).
7. Request reinstatement of internal employee training in leadership and organizational development (could be started this year: staff from HR and/or CM departments have conducted these programs in the past).

FY2017 Budget Proposals

1. Fully fund merit increases that accrue to base salaries – for the first time since 2010.
2. Grant and fund a COLA.
3. Reinstatement a program to encourage staff to commute using alternate modes of transport (an updated and improved Parc-It).
4. Reduced health care premiums with more/improved vision and dental options.
5. Retain – and expand - the leave buy-back program.

Aging-in-Place in Rockville

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Villages in Montgomery County
2015 summary of activities and highlights

Thanks to the incredible work of so many village leaders and volunteers, 2015 has been a great year. Many communities around the county have requested information or presentation on the village concept and several have started a planning committee.

Developing, launching and sustaining a village are a labor of love. In addition to celebrating the wonderful success, there is also a need to recognize the inevitable challenges. This report contains three sections: (1) Villages in numbers, (2) villages' highlights (as provided by the villages) and (3) an overview of opportunities and challenges that presented themselves in 2015.

(1) Villages in numbers:

- Active villages: **16**
- Developing Villages: **9**
- New communities receiving presentations on villages: **18**
- Faith communities receiving presentations on villages: **8**
- **Estimated** numbers of people involved in a village (volunteer or member): **2,500**
- **Estimated** Number of people over 60 with access to an active village in their community: **43,000**
- **Estimated** number of people over 60 with access to a developing village in their community: **40,000**
- Number of volunteer rides provided by five villages who participate in the Village Rides program (numbers for April-December only): **1545 (total of 3785 miles)**

(2) Villages Highlights

*(not all villages were able to send in their summaries):

New Village initiatives:

1. North Chevy Chase:

NCC Connections is off to a great start. We held our first general meeting at the end of August 2015 and have had monthly general meetings since. We have established our boundaries, set up a steering committee, obtained free space in a local church, have filed for incorporation in MD, and are working on our bylaws and a communication plan. We are also finalizing a survey of our neighbors' needs and volunteer skills which we plan to distribute in late January.

2. Kentlands:

The Village at Kentlands conducted a successful needs assessment in 2015. Almost 500 residents responded and close to 350 offered to volunteer to help out! We are creating our implementation plan and expect to have the Village operating by May 2016.

3. East County Village Seniors

- Most recently we were incorporated and planning on applying for 501(c)(3) Status.
- During the past six months we offered the Holy Cross BioSway Balance Test twice;
- Had a presentation from MC Volunteer Fire Dept. on Fire and Injury Prevention and Fire Safety;
- A presentation by MC Volunteer Police Assoc. on "Keeping Seniors Safe."
- Hosted an Insurance (Senior Health Plans and Life, Health & Wealth Policies), wills, advanced directives and Power of Attorney
- Made many new friends and partners interested in our endeavors and offering participation in theirs.

We've had several independent speakers from other organizations speak to us about their villages, their volunteer offerings, and how to improve our village. However, in addition to support from the aforementioned speakers, none of this would have been possible without the support we receive from Pazit Aviv and her Office on Aging and Disabilities; Lanita Whitehurst, IMPACT Silver Spring; Brandon Ashe, East County Community Center Director; and Aziz Sani, Youth Empowerment Series (YES).

4. Bethesda Metro Area Village

- We have begun a campaign of “It takes a village to build a village” in an attempt to jumpstart the next phase of development, in which we need those interested in the village to step forward and commit their time and energy to doing jobs needed to get us to launch.
- Is conducting focus groups to get community feedback on a list of initial services and membership fees and structure.
- Has received community support including a generous financial donation from a community group and in-kind donations of use of clubhouse venue from a local club.
- Is planning a community social gathering in January to build momentum and recruit new volunteers to help.

5. Villages of Kensington

- Villages of Kensington is in the final months of creating our Village before we open for business. We've learned a great deal in 2015, including the incredible amount of time and dedication required to start a nonprofit, service-oriented organization.
- Mostly, though, we are heartened by the overwhelmingly positive response we've received about the upcoming opening of VoK and the ways in which VoK will enhance the quality of life for all residents of Kensington.
- Come visit our opening social event on Sun., Jan. 31, from 2-4 pm at Temple Emanuel at 10101 Connecticut Ave. in Kensington!

5. Bradley Hills Village

- A highlight of the year was a presentation at a BHV Community Meeting of William Offutt, on Bethesda's History. He is the author of *Bethesda, A Social History*, and an engaging speaker who lives in our neighborhood. It was so appreciated and a great example of our “Voices in the Neighborhood” speaker series.
- Someone not on our electronic mailing list, received an all-households flyer delivered by the “sneaker brigade” about one of the Bradley Hills Village community programs. He sent an email saying “he couldn't participate for the moment but what a great idea this is and where could he send his donation?” The Village received a generous check from him within a week – a nice recognition!
- The Book Discussion Group held a holiday potluck supper at which we raised a toast to the Village (and another to the host) for bringing us together. We ascertained that all in the group got to know each other through the Village – recognition of the value of belonging.

6. Rockville City Advisory Committee:

- The Rockville Advisory Committee met monthly during the year and heard from several other villages' representatives about their launch process and current operations structure.

- The Committee has 70 members on the mailing list and includes city residents, local aging services providers and city staff.
- The Committee organized a citywide community forum which was held in September and was a huge success with 140 people in attendance including city officials and key staff.
- Three civic associations have begun planning their neighborhood village with support from the county's Village Coordinator.
- Senior Center's staff is committed to supporting local neighborhood initiatives.

Active Villages:

1. Olney Home for Life:

In 2015 volunteers of Olney Home for Life accomplished a number of great things.

- We established a Friendly Call program and
- We are piloting a Friendly Visit program with the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.
- OHFL also conducted an intergenerational "Tech Time For Seniors" event in partnership with the Olney Library and JCA.
- Our volunteers and volunteer efforts were recognized by Governor Hogan with a Governor's Citation for reaching a milestone of 10,000 volunteer hours helping seniors with transportation and providing friendly calls.

2. Maplewood:

- We held an intergenerational outdoor summer game party, with activities for little folks (bean bag tosses etc.) to bigger folk (ping pong on the patio). Two families with small children who were brand new to the neighborhood came purely because of our Village "welcome wagon" activity, when a Village volunteer went to their home to share some useful information about the community—including this upcoming party. A good time was had by all, and some new connections forged.
- Our garden group has "blossomed" and its pot luck supper attracted 3 dozen people and featured the hostess's neighbor, a flower photographer.
- Our "silent reading and social nights" (30 minutes of socializing, 1 hour of strict silent reading of any book/material of one's choice, ending with another 30 or more minutes of socializing) has sparked an appreciative small group who can't find time to read otherwise and enjoy the company of other readers!

3. Bannockburn NAN:

- NAN Night at the Bannockburn Spring Show: One weekday night performance offered discounted tickets to seniors and free snacks. The preshow snack/drinks period gave those

attending the performance time to socialize. Seniors appreciated the discounted tickets. It was a good way to increase audience and to promote interaction among our older neighbors.

- Water exercise twice a week in the summer: For several years our neighborhood pool has supported water exercise classes. Although open to all ages, the classes are in the morning when many younger neighbors are at work. The majority of attendees are seniors. Classmates pick up those who do not drive. After class neighbors 'hang out' to talk and some go out for coffee or lunch. It is a successful program that combines exercise and social interaction.
- Sunday Series: Monthly talks, music programs or demonstrations on a broad range of topics that draw neighbors of all ages. There is a social hour with snacks before and after the featured program. We had several quality presentations by neighbors for our village and nearby villages. Next up is a poetry reading on January 24.

4. Little Falls Village:

- Little Falls Village survived the "terrible twos" by making substantial headway in 2015 to increase Village awareness throughout the 20816 zip code. Campaign elements included coordinating a snow shoveling program for any senior needing help.
- We hosted two major informational meetings for all comers, opened most of our programs to all seniors in our zip code, including our second anniversary party where attendance topped 75 enthusiastic folks.
- We partnered with a group of high school students who set up an on-going program to help seniors get their trash cans to and from the curb each week.
- We worked with a local Boy Scout who approached us wanting to focus his Eagle Scout project on organizing an event for our membership. The event included meeting special meetings on Capitol Hill, a guided tour of the capitol and a luncheon. Smaller events included reaching out to all of the neighborhood civic organizations and business groups. This campaign resulted in attracting 28 new members and a similar number of new volunteers.
- We had some pretty unique member requests for help around the house. One member called to let us know her best friend had just arrived from London for a long stay. Then she asked if we could come over and help get a snake out of her guest bedroom. We did help by getting animal control there ASAP.

7. Potomac Community Village

- We celebrated our Village's birthday in May with a birthday party where we honored local businesses which had donated \$250 or more in either cash or services in lieu of. We presented framed Certificates of Appreciation to them, and were able to get the Potomac Almanac to send a photographer to take pictures. We also invited local political leaders, one of whom came, County Councilman Roger Berliner.

- We had a speaker on Potomac's early history as the "entertainment" for a Pot Luck Dinner (this past week, on Dec. 17) which attracted 75 people.
- We had an Appraisal Road Show on a Sunday afternoon, which we used to gain wider public knowledge of the Village by inviting everyone in our community to come for free. We timed the event so it followed Potomac Day and the Potomac Day parade by 8 days; we marched in the parade with our banner, and had members in Village t-shirts handing out fliers about the Appraisal Road Show to all adults along the parade route. The Road Show event attracted 70 people.

8. Aging Well With Friends-AWWF in Sandy Spring

AWWF is a collaboration of partners in Sandy Spring. We have continued to foster connections between Friends House Retirement Community, The Sandy Spring Friends Meeting and several local community partners.

- Our new website and shared blog is at [www. Agingwellwithfriends.org](http://www.Agingwellwithfriends.org)
- We are recruiting volunteers of all ages to help us manage the website and community shared blog.
- We continue to use creative opportunities and workshops to bring generations together. We are hosting a special Garden Planning workshop in February at Friends House Retirement Community for an exchange of ideas between seasoned, expert gardeners with new or experienced gardeners of all ages from the community and local schools.
- We continue to bring together participants of all ages for Creativity workshops at the Sandy Spring Museum building new connections between

9. Neighbors Helping Neighbors (WNHN)

- Two years in the making, Wyngate Neighbors Helping Neighbors (WNHN) began offering assistance in November 2015. The preceding month, 40 residents completed its volunteer orientation.
- As a no fee village, WNHN had to rely, by necessity, on the ingenuity of its volunteer organizers and the generosity of other organizations.
- In Spring 2015, WNHN incorporated and received IRS certification as a 501(c)(3) organization; all application fees were paid by the membership of our community's citizens association.
- WNHN obtained, from Google Voice without charge, its own telephone number and linked email account to take requests for assistance. WNHN created web sites to reach the community and to coordinate its volunteers using the free templates, tools, and web platform provided by "Lotsa Helping Hands."
- The advice and time generously given by neighboring village coordinators helped WNHN develop its volunteer training materials and its organizational bylaws, as well as gain an understanding of villages in general. This cooperation and education was an outgrowth of

exchanges among Bethesda area villages that were facilitated by Montgomery County's Village Coordinator, Pazit Aviv.

- In Summer 2015, WNHN partnered with VillageRides and received software to coordinate driving assistance, and motor vehicle & criminal background checks and supplemental insurance for its drivers – all without charge.
- In Fall 2015, VillageRides helped WNHN design an informational brochure & refrigerator magnet and, again without charge, provided high-quality copies of each for all 1400 households that WNHN serves. The community's awareness of WNHN and its demand for WNHN assistance will likely emerge once these materials are distributed door-to-door in January, 2016.

10. Chevy Chase at Home

Chevy Chase At Home initiated three new programs to meet member needs:

- A storm buddy system matching a volunteer to a member who might need assistance after a severe weather event;
- Home safety visits with Montgomery County firefighters to install smoke alarms for members who request them and review possible safety issues for the member, such as house number visibility, safety of likely exit routes in case of fire,
- Volunteers training in medical note taking, acting as invited transcribers during a member's visit to his/her physician.

11. Village of Takoma Park

- On Saturday, November 20, the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church honored Wolfgang and Gertrud Mergner with the church's annual Caring Heart Award in honor of their work establishing the Village of Takoma Park.
- The Village of Takoma Park is off and running, or at least driving. The Village Rides program currently has 20 volunteer drivers who give rides to seniors and disabled individuals to get them to church, doctor appointments, adult daycare or grocery shopping. Since April 1st, 40 seniors have received over 279 rides from our volunteer drivers.
- The Village also has a Friendly Visitors program, pairing a volunteer with a homebound senior for a weekly hour-long visit.
- The Movement Disorder Support Group (Parkinson's and MS): This group was started in response to interest from Takoma Park residents with Parkinson's disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and similar diseases.
- Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSNA): This support group of older parents of adult children with special needs seeks to address.
- Story: We were asked to drive a rider to adult day care and found out she had substantial problems getting in and out of her home due to structure issues. We contacted several official places to find relieve, but help was not available. Finally, we called Steve Hage a

local builder and village member who specialized in home modifications. Steve said that this was a life threatening situation. He repaired it free of charge since the residents could not afford it. Later on a very effective resource person from the Department of Aging and Disability Services secured funds for the repair of the house door and a ramp on which the rider comes down twice a week to spend the day at the adult day care center.

12. Silver Spring Village

- Hired a part-time Executive Director (Debbie Billet-Roumell)
- Initiated a "diversity-in-all" approach
- Conducted first member satisfaction survey as part of our commitment to evaluate what we do
- Raised membership total to 110 and volunteers total 85
- Conducted a fundraising campaign that brought in over \$9500 from individuals and couples

13. Mill Creek Town Village

- Our volunteer village has sponsored several social events again in 2015, with great success: game night, a wine and cheese party, ice cream social, end of summer picnic, community walk.
- We get great feedback and continue to promote these in order to gather more community members together to get to know each other better.
- We took on our community newsletter when the person who had volunteered to send it out. We have had 5-6 drivers provide rides to 5 or 6 community members to doctors appointments this year.
- Our handyman provided assistance to 2 neighbors.
- We've lost a couple of our drivers and are working to recruit new ones. We still want to engage with more of our neighbors and will work on strategies in 2016.

(3) Opportunities and Challenges:

Opportunities

Partnerships:

- Montgomery County villages gathering took place in May 2015. More than 40 communities were represented in this day long event which included a keynote speech by Rona Kramer, Maryland secretary on Aging, followed by six different workshops on topics ranging from village models to volunteer recruitment and risk management tools.
- Village Rides and Senior Connections are great examples for consorted efforts to support villages in their work. They offer “back office” support thus simplifying the villages’ operations.
- Bethesda Chevy Chase Villages have met three times during the year to discuss topics of shared interest. They identified ways they can collaborate on resources sharing and program development. They also used the forum to raise challenges and seek advice from other villages. They now share programming events to increase offerings and participation across villages.
- HEALTH Partners hosted a meeting with healthcare providers in the county and villages’ representatives to discuss ways to enhance the relationship between villages and health providers. Currently, several hospitals are engaged with their local villages and offer classes and workshops. Some villages also help their members when they are discharged from the hospital. Villages are also looking to train their volunteers on medical note taking.
- Villages are forming partnerships with local community organizations and providers (home health companies, hospitals, recreation centers etc.)

Communications:

- Village leaders receive monthly updates from the Village Coordinator. The email includes events, grant opportunities, resources and announcements.
- The Village Coordinator maintains an up to date website which contain information on all active and developing villages as well as resources, information and links. It also features an interactive map with villages’ catchment area.
- The Village Coordinator was featured on Senior Today twice this year
- Montgomery County village, Little Falls Village was featured in the Maryland AARP magazine.
- Local communities feature villages in their local news outlets (Gaithersburg, Potomac, Takoma Park)

Faith Communities as a natural partner:

- Faith communities have begun expressing an interest in the village concept and are asking for presentation on the topic. Some communities are already offering aging in place programs, and there is tremendous potential to develop new ways to mobilize older adults volunteerism and service.
- An effort is under way to form an interfaith committee on aging issues under the Neighbors in Need Workgroup.

Diversity outreach

- Villages are engaged in activities which enhance their diversity: offering scholarships to low income members, target home/ buildings that have more low income or diverse resident body, research best practices from across the nation.
- The Muslim Community Center serves a highly diverse population. They have been successful in engaging older adults with monthly programs (social and educational) and offer volunteer help and food assistance.
- Takoma Park has been successful in engaging its diverse older adults. They attend monthly meetings and receive volunteer rides.
- East County Village Seniors, which is a developing village, has a very diverse leadership team. They partner with IMPACT of Silver Spring and the recreation center.
- Village Coordinator has conducted outreach events with Spanish speaking older adults at the TESS Center and with Impact of Silver Spring.
- Faith Communities also serve as partners in reaching diverse groups in the county (see faith communities section)

Challenges

Sustainability

- Sustainability refers both to financial viability of villages as well as their ability to attract and sustain volunteers both for leadership positions as well as hands-on volunteer tasks.
- Financial sustainability: villages rely on grants, donations and memberships to sustain their operations. This requires ongoing fundraising efforts which villages feel take away time from ongoing operations of the village.
- Many villages report loss of founders cohort poses a challenges in recruiting “new blood”.
- Sustainability will remain a prime concern for developing and active villages. This issue should be viewed as an integral of village operations and not as a problem with a one-time solution.

- The Village Coordinator consults and supports villages in their efforts to sustain all aspects of their operations.

Frailty of members

- Village members who age at home can become frailer with time. Villages strive to ensure a balance between the desire to support all members as they age at home with the limitations on what they can offer and their safety concerns for the member.
- Each village defines to itself its “comfort level” and degree of involvement with its members. IONA has an ethics committee which is available for village leaders who struggle with specific situations.
- The built environment (home and public spaces) will continue to pose a challenge. Villages can offer robust services but cannot help people with mobility impairment remain in inaccessible homes and neighborhoods.

Diversity

- Diversity will continue to pose a significant challenge to villages. Villages report great interest in diversifying their membership but encounter difficulties in connecting with isolated older adults or people with limited English proficiency.
- In addition to the obvious barriers to outreach (language, access), there are cultural perceptions regarding older adults in different groups. In many cultures, older adults’ relationships focus on family only. This makes the concept of a village more difficult to communicate.

Executive Summary

Aging-in-Place in Rockville

October 17, 2015

The Rockville Village Concept Advisory Committee began in July 2014 when Leanne Sherman, former CMR's Senior Program Director and Lynn Arndt, Deputy Director of Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) invited Pazit Aviv (Village Coordinator, Montgomery County Department of Aging & Disability Services invited to discuss the village concept and how it can be applied to Rockville. In the meeting, it was decided to convene a meeting to assess the level of interest in Rockville in developing neighborhood aging in place villages. Invitations were sent to as many organizations and individuals as were identified by both organizations and recipients were encouraged to forward the invitation.

In September 2014, Community Ministries of Rockville hosted the first meeting to discuss possible models for aging-in-place in Rockville that might :

- facilitate stronger social connections in neighborhoods,
- support neighbors helping neighbors programs,
- help seniors access the wide range of services provided by the city and other local providers.

The group identified its main vision as reaching out to all seniors who live in the city regardless of ethnicity, economic status or religious affiliation to determine what, if any, their preferences were and also how established senior services groups could provide support for Rockville Aging-in-Place villages.

Background

US Census predicts that between 2006 and 2030, the U.S. population of adults aged 65 and over will nearly double from 37 million to 71.5 million. According to AARP, over 80% of people 65 and older prefer to age-in-place in their homes as long as possible. To make that feasible and safe, communities must rethink how senior services are delivered.

One trend is the creation of villages—neighborhood-based groups of seniors and volunteers who help each other with everything from transportation to snow shoveling to social gatherings. Villages can be volunteer- or membership-based, and there are many different models. The first village was formed in late 2001 (Beacon Hill, Boston). The Washington DC area leads the country in villages, starting with five in 2010, there are now over 50 running or in development. In Montgomery County there are currently 16 active villages, 9 in development and many starting the village discussion.

Rockville, with a population of 61,209 (US Census Bureau April 1, 2010) and a strong network of senior support, is an ideal place to develop villages, the group concluded. The city is already funding an audit of existing services for and needs of the elderly in Rockville that is expected to be complete in 2015. The group decided that it would be valuable to continue to explore and understand the dynamics of creating and supporting Villages and agreed on the following actions:

- Continue to meet monthly and set a second meeting in October 2014
- Use the following committee name: Rockville Village Concept Advisory Committee
- Work to increase and broaden participation
- Explore different village models
- Define mission of the committee

Our first meeting attracted 17 people representing most of the sectors we wanted to be involved: citizens, village residents, profit and nonprofit groups working in senior services, city staff with an interest in understanding how these diverse groups could work together to facilitate village development.

The Committee met monthly through May 2015. Our agendas typically included an update on county and national village activities from Pazit, a presentation from a functioning, successful village, occasional presentations by service groups (profit or nonprofit), and a discussion of next steps. We developed a working group of about 15 people who attended all meetings and a mailing list of over 70 who attended sporadically or wanted to be included in the updates.

Our initial vision of the Rockville Village Concept Advisory Committee was to act as a clearinghouse and resource to all organizations, businesses and individuals who serve seniors in Rockville and to provide information and support for any neighborhood or group that wants to develop a village. To that end, a Rockville Villages resource page has been added to the Montgomery County Village website (<http://tinyurl.com/rockvillevillages>) where we post relevant articles, reports and presentations, as well as the minutes from each of our meetings. We also maintain a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rockvillevillages).

In spring 2015, we agreed that it was time to start a formal outreach program in order to both inform Rockville seniors about aging-in-place and to gauge their interest in forming a Village. We first defined a new mission for the group:

- Begin holding informational events and presenting to neighborhood groups and existing villages
- Develop best practices for village formation
- Create recommended model for city-wide support for villages
- Develop information resources to support village formation

Three task forces were formed:

- Events
- Village Structure/Governance
- Communications/Outreach

The Events group planned and executed our first event: Aging in Place Community Forum in Rockville. The event took place at the Rockville Senior Center on October 17, 2015. The event was promoted through the membership list, the Senior Center newsletter, Engage Rockville, Rockville Seniors Facebook page the Rockville Police Facebook page and the Rockville Villages Facebook pages, as well as to many Rockville villages formed or in development and the Neighborhood Watch listserv. The Agenda is published in Appendix A.

The primary goal of the event was to attract Rockville residents interested in aging-in-place. We had a great turnout (137) and a very good representation from the Rockville City Council, Mayor, Police and Fire Chief and several candidates running for the council and/or mayoral positions. Police Chief Terry Treschuk introduced Former Mayor Rose G. Krasnow who provided opening remarks. Ann Seltz, Chair of the committee, and Pazit Aviv gave a short overview of the village movement, the committee and plans for 2016. Then the group divided into groups to discuss four questions:

1. What is the village concept?
2. What's your plan for aging in your community?
3. What kind of support do you think you might need; now or in the future?
4. How would you like to receive that support---from the city, residents, other organizations

The discussions were lively and very strong interest in aging-in-place was expressed by about 75% of the attendees. They also provided detailed

information about what they needed from a Village and how they would like to be helped.

Following is the summaries from the discussion groups as well as their list of “wants.” The complete list is included in Appendix B.

Summary
Aging in Place Community Forum

After the opening remarks and an overview of villages, the audience of about 137 broke into 6 discussions groups. Our original plan was to have the discussion group formed by neighborhoods or neighborhood groups, but that proved unwieldy—both in attendees knowing which neighborhood they were in (as we combined some) or insufficient number of people from the same neighborhood(s) to form a discussions group.

Our moderators were from our standing Village Advisory Committee and they were:

Lynn Arndt, Deputy Directory, Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR)

Pazit Aviv, Village Coordinator, Montgomery County Department of Aging & Disability Services

Beryl Feinberg, Rockville Council Member

Ryan Frederick, CEO & Founder, Smart Living 360

Ruth Hanessian, Interested Citizen

Virginia Olney, Rockville Council Member

The following summaries are drawn from the moderator notes and the discussion group responses are combined to avoid repetition. We received summaries from 4 of our 5 moderators. The complete notes of the discussion groups are included in Appendix B.

Moderator 1: Our group was very enthusiastic about the village concept and creating new ways to age in the community. It was clear in our discussion that most people are not drawn to traditional senior housing and many cannot reasonably afford it.

The village concept gives people hope to make aging in community more possible. At the same time, our discussion revealed how complicated it can be to age. Our discussion highlighted challenges related to: stairs, landscaping, transportation, errand support, technology and meals, among others. The primary concern was around the need for social connection. Our group would love to be involved with a village community, particularly one that is intergenerational in nature.

Moderator 2. There was awareness of the village concept. Interest in a central access point for all senior services include

- Transportation
- Communication - choices of computer, phone, email, direct mail, block captain
- Home service
- Food and supplies like Top Banana used to be.
- Technology assistance
- Financial assistance
- Alternative living incl. co-housing and/or younger roommate/families as options

- Desired a formal structure - Village or City
- Enable pride and independence, facilitate connections
- 75% prefer aging in place and being healthy
- Help with laundry, changing linens, food emergencies, forming local groups for reading, studying, movies
- Housing support: Walkable neighborhoods with transportation available, no stairs, not alone, no outdoor maintenance, tool sharing, indoor modifications
- Activities: Coop trips, beach house to share
- Big concern: Trusting others!

Moderator 3: Had more than 20 participants, with a large contingent from New Mark Commons, another group from Twinbrook area and two individuals from other neighborhoods. All came because they were very interested in their ability to age in place and wanted to learn more about the effort to create a village or villages in Rockville. Some had a general familiarity with the concept but others came because they heard about the event and wanted to get an understanding of what is available.

The group addressed community issues such as

- Type of residence (multi-level townhome or split level home)
- Maintenance of homes
- Transportation after they could no longer drive themselves
- Cost of maintaining homes
- Loneliness

The group also quickly offered solutions, such as

- Chair elevators for solution for stairs-- battery operated so would operate when electricity is out.

- House-sharing
- Scam alert

All were unanimous in opinion that the village they envision would be intergenerational.

They agreed that it would be helpful to have a Village Coordinator who could serve as a resource for the community and it was suggested that the coordinator work from the Senior Center. The group thought that each neighborhood could be a resource for others depending how well established they were or what kind of services they had available to one another. So perhaps an association could be formed with representatives from each neighborhood. As the group disbanded, plans were being made about their next steps.

Moderator 4:

We had about 25 people in the group. The group was very interested in the village concept and how it can be modified to communities that do not have a lot of older adults. A strong interest for intergenerational models was expressed by at least half of the participants and they had some questions about the TimeBank concept. We were fortunate to have the TimeBank founder present in the group and he was able to answer some questions.

The group touched on issues such as:

- The difficulty of organizing a village and the amount of work it may take
- Many people expressed an interest in volunteering
- Some people talked about how difficult it is to ask for help
- The group mentioned the challenge of connecting with people who do not speak English in the city.

- The group discussed the fact that there are many resources and service that people are not aware of and that one thing we can start doing is to share information about that.
- The group was concerned about affordable housing and long term insurance.

Additional comments listed from at least two discussion groups

There was of course much repetition among the groups and I've edited to avoid repetition. The discussion points can be found in Appendix B.

What is the village Concept?

Most attendees were familiar with Village concept and interested in aging-in-place.

The lowest level of awareness in the groups was 50%.

What is your plan for aging in the community?

Most want to stay in their current home, but need a plan

Build an addition

Live with children

Live with a pet

Take advantage of existing senior services

What kind of support do you think you might need; now or in the future?

More affordable housing in Rockville

Hub-and-spoke model with Senior Center being the hub

Help with issues such as: Liability, getting to know neighbors (eliminate "strangers")

Encourage community building through block captains and "town crier"

Provide village-to-village communications

Define role of religious entities

Long-term care policy

Negotiate group prices for seniors

What entity would you like to provide the necessary support to stay in your home?

City involvement via

 Senior Center-- Senior outreach services

 CMR

Individual community residents' ability

Next door community

Buddy system with neighbors

Rockville village coordinator

Daughter/son

Move to assisted community

Community support

Businesses work with community to provide transportation

Modify building codes to make more options for seniors sharing accommodations

Church

Reading/study/conversation groups

Skyping

Phone Group

Start with block party, progress to village

Appendix A: Agenda

Aging in Place Community Forum

October 17. 10:00 A.M. – Noon Rockville Senior Center Carnation Room

Gather

Sign in, Check out the information tables,
Find your neighborhood
Help yourself to coffee, tea and refreshments

Refreshments provided by



Welcome Remarks

Former Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

“You don’t need to move to be in a better neighborhood.”

Introduction to Villages and the Rockville Villages Advisory Committee

Pazit Aviv, Village Coordinator, Aging & Disability Services,
Montgomery County Dept. Health & Human Services

Ann Seltz, Chair, Rockville Villages Advisory Committee

Discussion Groups

Discussion groups by neighborhood and discuss:

- What is your plan for aging in the community?
- Are you familiar with the Village or Aging in Place movement?
- How Interested are you in aging in place?

Wrap Up

Next Steps for Rockville Villages

Share the best takeaway from your discussion group (2 min. ea)

Tour the Senior Center

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Appendix B

Summary

Discussion Group Notes

Group 1

What is your plan for aging in the community?

1. Prayer: never get old
2. Stay healthy
3. Check out senior living options
4. Live with children
5. Live with a pet
6. Take advantage of existing senior services

Are you familiar with the Village or Aging in Place Movement?

1. Model in Princeton, N.J.
2. Other examples
3. Need for making connections
4. Hub and spoke model with Senior Center being the hub
5. Issues: Liability, getting to know neighbors (eliminate "strangers")

How interested are you in in aging in place?

1. Importance of walkability
2. Close to transportation
3. Circulation (?)

4. Flexible transportation
5. Need for pride and independence
6. Intergenerational presentation

What entity would you like to provide the necessary support to stay in your home?

Make support a formal structure that includes (or coordinates?)

- Health
- Transportation
- Technology
- Home Services
- Wellness (exercise, etc)
- Food/supplies
- Financial management
- Wills, leases, etc
- Encourage community building through block captains and "town crier"
- Make the senior center the hub of support for villages
- Provide village-to-village communications
- Define role of religious entities

Group 2

What is your plan for aging in the community?

- Stairs are a problem
- Driving ability
- Living alone
- Reorganizing the home spaces
- Townhomes
- No affordable senior housing in Rockville
- Outdoor maintenance of home

- Tool sharing
- Need village to be intergenerational
 - Younger roommates in the home
- Co-housing
- Student Service Learning Hours for senior assistance for home maintenance and other assistance

What entity would you like to provide the necessary support to stay in your home?

- City involvement
- Individual community's ability within its residents
- Next door community
- Buddy system with neighbors
- Senior outreach services
- CMR
- Rockville village coordinator
- Negotiate group prices

Group 3

What is your plan for aging in the community?

- Meet people locally
- Active
- Mobility
- Lifestyle
- Drive

Are you familiar with the Village or Aging in Place Movement?

- People outside the city

- Generations – time/energy
- Average Age 75---no limit
- Edgar-Time Bank

How interested are you in in aging in place?

Yes

What entity would you like to provide the necessary support to stay in your home?

- Centralized place
- Create youth involvement
- Neighborhood/civic association
- You can start!

Group 4

What is your plan for aging in the community?

- Activities
- Help
- Transportation
- Network
- Family
- Time banking/sharing volunteers
- Planned community
- Connect with others
- Place at the beach
- Long-term care policy

Are you familiar with the Village or Aging in Place Movement?

50% of the group were familiar with villages

How interested are you in in aging in place?

75% very interested. And also notes said @the beach)

What entity would you like to provide the necessary support to stay in your home?

- Daughter/son
- Transport company
- Move to assisted community
- Community support
- Businesses work with community to provide transportation
- Doctors?

Group 5

What is your plan for aging in the community?

- Most want to stay in their current home, but need a plan
- Build an addition
- Stay healthy
- Place for kids
- Help ?new w/eye to future?
- Stairs a challenge

Are you familiar with the Village or Aging in Place Movement?

Very few in the group were

How interested are you in in aging in place?

Wasn't a clear answer to this, more like a list of problems, such as

- Stairs

- Lawn mowing
- Landscaping
- Transportation
- Errands
- Laundry
- Changing linens
- Food/temporary meals
- Scam alert
- Help with computer
- Modify building codes to accept senior residents?
- More affordable housing for seniors

What entity would you like to provide the necessary support to stay in your home?

- Church
- Reading/study/conversation groups
- Skyping
- Phone Group
- Movie Night
- Interest Group
- Start with block party, progress to village
- City of Rockville
- Senior Center
- Linkage of all above

Other notes from this group:

- Where are existing villages?
- How contact them?
- How to know who can be trusted to help you?
- Communication: Not everyone has a computer

February 8, 2016

Good Evening Mayor Newton and Members of the Rockville City Council.

My name is Agnes Saenz, Executive Director of Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR); but this evening I am speaking as the Coordinator of the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition.

First of all thank you for your past, present and future commitment to support the Caregiver grants program and the human services in Rockville.

Your on-going support helps our most vulnerable residents in the areas of housing, healthcare, cultural diversity, emergency assistance, food, clothing, youth and family services.

As we plan for the FY17 budget, I am bringing a message on behalf of all the members of the Caregivers Coalition and that is that we are asking you to consider supporting the FY17 Caregivers program with 1% of the FY16 adopted city's general fund.

That is a little over \$100,000, since the FY16 adopted general fund budget was \$74.6 million, therefore, 1% would be \$746,000 and the current funding for Caregivers is \$645,050.

We understand the city has a budget process and there is a panel that reviews the applications and will present them to the City Manager prior to her recommendations.

The caregiver program is experiencing an increase of 47% in requests in the FY17. This year's applications totaled over \$951,000.

That is a reflection of the greater demands for services for all providers, existing caregiver programs as well as new applicants.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this letter and we appreciate your consideration towards this request as you review your materials for FY17.

Agnes Saenz
asaenz@cmrocks.org

February 2, 2016

Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Rockville
Bridget Donnell Newton
Beryl L. Feinberg
Julia Palakovich Carr
Mark Pierzchala
Virginia D. Onley

Dear Mayor Newton and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition, thank you for your support of the Human Services and the Caregiver Grants Program throughout the years. Your support is indicative of the City's continued commitment to its most vulnerable residents. With this letter, we are asking for you to renew that commitment by supporting our request to make the Caregiver's budget 1% of the City's General Fund.

In the FY16 adopted budget, the total general fund equaled \$74.6 million, 1% of that would be \$746,000. The total of the FY16 adopted funding for Caregivers was \$645,050. The difference between the \$746,000 and the \$645,050 is a little over \$100,000.

Therefore, as you work on the preparation of the FY17 budget, we ask that \$100,950 be added to the Caregiver Grants Program to make the Caregiver's budget 1% of the City's General Fund FY16 adopted budget.

The Rockville Caregiver's Coalition was formed over 30 years ago by Community Ministries of Rockville in partnership with the City of Rockville Community Services Division with the purpose of bringing all the groups providing Human Services in Rockville together. Today, the Coalition is made up of 14 nonprofit organizations which operate over 24 programs providing housing, healthcare, cultural diversity, emergency assistance, food, clothing and youth and family services. They received city funding in FY16 and are listed in the signature pages. In addition, four other organizations that regularly participate in the Caregivers Coalition include Rockville Help, Rockville Housing Enterprises, the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Montgomery Hospice Inc., and the Rockville Senior Center.

The total amount requested in Caregiver grants for FY 17 exceeds \$951,000. This is a significant increase of 16% over the amount requested last year of \$816,606 and it is a higher increase of 47% over the amount adopted in FY16 of \$645,050. This increase is attributed to greater demands for services for all providers and additional new applicants. Therefore asking for 1% of the City's General Fund to be earmarked for the Caregivers Budget is modest request in light of the current need.

As a way of background in the past ten years funding history of the Caregiver programs, the highest percentage of the city's general fund awarded to Caregiver programs has been 0.91% in FY13 and the lowest 0.72% in FY08. In comparing those to the requested amounts in the past

ten years, the highest percentage has been 1.09% in FY16 and the lowest 0.84% in FY08. In the past five years requested amounts have always exceeded the 1%.

With your help and commitment we can improve the programs, services, and number of people benefitting from the Caregiver Programs.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request and will be happy to provide any supporting information that may help you in the budget process.

Cordially,

The Caregiver Agencies Members of the Rockville Caregiver Coalition

Agnes Saenz, Rockville Caregivers Coalition Coordinator and Executive Director of Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR)

CMR Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Jefferson House, Rockland House, Elderly Ministries, Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic, Language Outreach Program and Rockville Emergency Assistance Program

Shane Rock, Executive Director of Interfaith Works (IW).

IW Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Horizon Homes, Wilkins Avenue Women's Assessment Center, and Interfaith Clothing Center.

Susie Sinclair-Smith, Executive Director of Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH).

MCCH Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Home Builders Care Assessment Center, and Hope Housing.

Ferework Fuje, LICSW

Ferewok Fuje, Director of the Maryland Housing Program, Catholic Charities (CC).

CC Caregiver Programs funded by the City include: Bethesda House, Chase Partnership House, and Dorothy Day Place.

Ann Chapman, Executive Director of Helping Hands Shelter, Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

Robert Dorsey, Executive Director of the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center.

Nancy Sushingsky

Nancy Sushingsky, executive Director Rainbow Place, Rockville Presbyterian Church.

Jaye Matthews

Jaye Matthews, Executive Director of Stepping Stones Shelter

Jackie DeCarlo

Jackie DeCarlo, Executive Director of Manna Food

Luz Angela Escobar, LGSW, IBCLC, Team Leader
Healthy Families Montgomery
Family Services, Inc.

Kylie B. Mcleaf, Executive Director of Family Services, Healthy Families Montgomery Program

Kate Lu

Kate Lu, Executive Director of Pan Asian Health Clinic

Rika Granger
Aspire Counseling

Tamara George, Executive Director of Aspire Counseling, Positive Aging Project

Peter L. Lowet

Peter Lowet, Executive Director of Mobile Med, Rockville Primary Care Program

Ji-Young Cho

Ji-Young Cho, Executive Director of Korean C.C. of Greater Washington, Comprehensive Community Empowerment Program

Cc: Barbara Matthews, City Manager, City of Rockville
Gavin Cohen, Director of Finance, City of Rockville
Stacey Webster, Deputy Director of Finance, City of Rockville
Tim Chesnut, Director Recreations and Park, City of Rockville
Carlos Aparicio, Community Services Division Manager, City of Rockville

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 4:36 PM
To: 'Ann Seltz'; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Letter and Position Overview Document for Mayor and Council

Dear Ms. Seltz,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

The Mayor and Council will hold Public Hearing #1 on March 21, 2016. The Public Record will close on April 25, 2016. Mayor and Council Worksession on March 21, with budget adoption scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016.

The Mayor and Council appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Acting City Clerk

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From: Ann Seltz [mailto:ann.seltz@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 4:11 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Letter and Position Overview Document for Mayor and Council

At the request of Councilwoman Beryl Feinberg after my presentation at the February Council meeting, the Rockville Villages Advisory Committee has developed a suggested position overview for the proposed new city position of Village Supervisor.

Please find a transmittal letter and the position overview that our committee has developed for Council's consideration.

Ann Seltz
Chair
Rockville Villages Advisory Committee
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Rockville Villages

Position Overview Rockville Villages Facilitator

The Rockville Villages Advisory Committee has undertaken a lengthy process to investigate, analyze, and brainstorm the need for and potential roles of Villages within the many neighborhoods of the City of Rockville. Our investigations and discussions to date include consideration of the variety of models for existing Villages nationwide, in nearby jurisdictions, and within the City of Rockville. Our efforts, begun in September 2014, have shown that there is a high degree of interest in aging in place in Rockville. Our database of interested people (citizens, government employees, senior service providers both profit and nonprofit) is over 80 people now and our outreach event last fall drew over 130 people.

We are currently focusing on the benefits of the services and support that professional a Village Facilitator can provide.

Our goal is to define capabilities desired for a Rockville Village Facilitator. There are some key characteristics that, based on our information gathering from functioning villages over the past 1.5 years, we believe to be critical to the success of the Rockville Villages Movement

Rockville is fortunate to have a wide range of city services available to senior residents. There are also services available through nonprofit and for-profit organizations as well as faith-based groups. We envision the Rockville Villages Facilitator will develop and leverage relationships with all of these resources, helping to connect private and government services by establishing streamlined communication and coordination mechanisms to minimize redundancy and maximize existing city-funded resources.

Our neighborhoods are diverse in demographics, income, ethnicity and cohesiveness. A Village Facilitator can share information and sometimes resources neighborhood to neighborhood, thus ensuring that no neighborhood that wants a village is without the resources to develop one.

Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services has a Village coordinator dedicated to supporting active and emerging villages, including:

- Attending community meetings (civic associations, home owners associations, congregations, schools)
- Answering questions about village development and sustainability
- Connecting your community with a pro bono consultant when available
- Providing document templates (bylaws, community surveys, flyers and more)
- Facilitating communication among villages as well as with local nonprofits

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Rockville Villages

- Outreach to diverse communities
- Offering presentations on the village concept

The Committee recommends adding the following roles for the Rockville Villages Facilitator:

- Community organizing in neighborhoods that need additional support
- Developing inter-generational connections in neighborhoods and with local colleges/universities
- Developing and maintaining a "How to Organize a Village" guide, oriented to Rockville, and including resources lists (organizations and individuals)
- Maintaining a Rockville Villages informational website, written and electronic communication to facilitate exchange of information resources.

Following are general capabilities that we believe will be important to the success of the Rockville Village Facilitator as well as Rockville Villages:

Knowledge

Demonstrated experience and understanding of the neighborhoods of the City of Rockville, including ethnic and income diversity, housing (single-family, shared single family, town homes, apartments, etc.) and cohesiveness.

Familiarity with the City's Mayor and Council form of government and its workings, county government and nonprofit service groups.

Demonstrated experience with all methods of communication including electronic.

Skills

Maintain an efficient office operation

Familiarity with social media and computers

Maintain access to all City Departments, particularly the Public Information Office (PIO)

Demonstrated understanding of community organizing techniques

Excellent communication skills including written, verbal and digital

Abilities

Demonstrated ability to work effectively with all age groups at all levels of education

Demonstrated experience working well with nonprofit and private sector agencies and organizations in the City and County, as well as with government agencies.

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Rockville Villages

Familiarity with the existing public and private agencies that provide services to all age and income groups

Regularly generate publicity about the Villages program – what it is, its benefits, information on how to form a neighborhood village

Organize neighborhood and city events to publicize the services offered by the office

Attend meetings and events outside business hours

Bilingual (Spanish) and experience with senior adults a plus

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Rockville Villages

March 21, 2016

Dear Mayor Newton and Council Members:

The Rockville Villages Advisory Committee (ad hoc) is pleased to forward to you for your recommendation and decision a description of a proposed position to be located in the Rockville Senior Center and to support Rockville Villages activities and programs throughout the City.

The Rockville Villages movement has been on-going throughout the last few years with support from the Rockville Senior Center staff and staff at Community Ministries of Rockville's Elder Care program. The initial discussions culminated in an event in October of 2015, attended by more than 130 interested seniors in the City of Rockville. After this event, the committee continued to "strategically think" how to take this movement forward. At the same time, some of Rockville's neighborhoods have embarked on their own Village initiatives.

The fact that there was movement in the City's neighborhoods to support the Village/Aging-in-Place concept led the group to conclude that a position should be created as a Village Facilitator, similar but not identical to the Montgomery County Village Coordinator position. The Rockville Villages Facilitator would assist the individual neighborhoods in moving forward by providing support and assistance, information and resources where available and other actions which would contribute to the individual Village missions.

The Advisory Committee is fully aware that there is a part-time outreach position at the Rockville Senior Center, as well as staff who provide home services and wellness services, also on a part time basis. We determined that the Villages activities would further burden these already burdened positions and should remain separate. In fact, we strongly recommend that the outreach position be made a full-time position to accommodate new demands on the time spent in carrying out the duties of the position and a separate Village facilitator position be created.

On February 8, at the Mayor and Council meeting, Ann Seltz, Chair of the advisory committee presented the Villages concept to the members. Also at this meeting, a request was made by a Council Member that the advisory committee develop a description for this proposed position, and do so prior to the budget cycle beginning in April. At its last meeting, the Advisory Committee developed a listing of skills, knowledges and abilities that they deemed appropriate for this position. This document is attached and forwarded to you via this memorandum.

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Rockville Villages

The Advisory Committee members agree that this position is critical to moving forward in their planning of activities and programs for 2016 and into the future.

We hope that you will consider approval of this request for the 2017 budget cycle.

Sincerely,



Ann Seltz, Chair
Rockville Villages Advisory Committee

Attachment: Overview Job Description for Rockville Villages Facilitator

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Louise Atkins

Exhibit: 8
FY17 Budget

From: Louise Atkins
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 9:26 AM
To: Leta Kopp
Cc: mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Villages Facilitator

Dear Ms. Kopp:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

The Mayor and Council will hold Public Hearing # 3 on April 18 and The Public Record will close on April 25, 2016. The Mayor and Council will conduct a Worksession on May 2, with budget adoption scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016.

The Mayor and Council very much appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Leta Kopp [mailto:leta.kopp@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 5:52 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Villages Facilitator

Please support the Villages Facilitator—a much needed resource for our aging community.

Leta Kopp
2305 Rockland Ave.
Rockville, MD 20851

Louise Atkins

Exhibit: 9
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From: Louise Atkins
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 9:29 AM
To: denisesilverberg@earthlink.net
Cc: mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: City Villages Facilitator position

Dear Ms. Silverberg:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

The Mayor and Council will hold Public Hearing # 3 on April 18 and the Public Record will close on April 25, 2016. The Mayor and Council will conduct a Worksession on May 2, with budget adoption scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016.

The Mayor and Council very much appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

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From: denisesilverberg@earthlink.net [mailto:denisesilverberg@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 7:40 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: City Villages Facilitator position

To Mayor and City Council Rockville - I am very excited at the prospect of having a villages concept implemented in Rockville. I support creating a budget item for a City Villages Facilitator position. I live at 503 King Farm Blvd #302. Please make this happen. Sincerely, Denise Silverberg

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

April 4, 2016

Good Evening Mayor Newton and Members of the Rockville City Council.

My name is Agnes Saenz, Executive Director of Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR); but this evening I am speaking as the Coordinator of the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition. I would like to invite members of the Caregivers Coalition here tonight to either stand or waive and be recognized.

I want to start by thanking YOU, Mayor and Council, for your support to Human Services throughout the years. This year in particular we appreciate the recommendation of increases to more than 10 of the Caregiver programs.

As a City who cares, Rockville has been supporting the most vulnerable in our community and I appreciate your on-going support. You have heard me many times advocating and asking the city for 1% of the general fund to go to Caregivers. Although as a concept I think that is very important and we should have that goal for Rockville's needy including additional services for seniors after we hear the results of the senior's study, this year we are not going to ask for the 1% and express our understanding of the fiscal constraints the city of Rockville is facing this year.

However, that does not mean that we don't need your support for Caregivers. You are probably aware that the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center is a program that recently closed a few weeks ago.

Currently in the Caregiver's budget there is a recommendation of \$20,000 for the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center. I am asking

that you please keep that money in the Caregiver's budget and reallocate the funds to other Caregiver Programs.

I specifically ask that you relocate the \$20,000 of the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center to restore the funds for the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic in the amount of \$10,000, to restore the funds for Rockland House in the amount of \$4,300, and at a minimum to restore the funds of Rainbow Place of \$1,000 but ideally we ask for a \$5,000 total increase for Rainbow.

The Caregiver organizations value the partnership we have with the City of Rockville and we support accountability and proper submission of grant applications and reporting. We appreciate the technical guidance that the city staff provides and we also spend time during the Caregiver meetings to review important aspects of the grant application.

At a previous session Council Member Feinberg expressed the idea of forming a workgroup to review the Caregiver's grant application process, and I want to say that we support that idea and ask that Caregiver Members be part of that process.

I also want to mention that in the FY17 grant application process, Carlos Aparicio, Community Services Manager and his team, took a lot of leadership in implementing new outcomes measures to the Caregiver application that I appreciate very much and believe will improve significantly the reporting process during FY17. So, there has been already significant effort put into this by Community Services city staff that will improve the reporting in FY17.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to speak before you this evening.



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE

Exhibit: 11
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AGNES SAENZ
Executive Director

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TESTIMONY FOR COR BUDGET HEARING
APRIL 4, 2016
SUBMITTED BY LYNN ARNDT
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING CMR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU DURING THIS BUDGET HEARING. MY NAME IS LYNN ARNDT AND I AM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE. I AM HERE TONIGHT WITH SEVERAL OF OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS.

OUR MESSAGE TONIGHT IS ONE OF APPRECIATION. TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING OUR PROGRAMS AND THOSE WE SERVE NOT ONLY THROUGH THIS BUDGET PROCESS BUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE FUNDING RECOMMENDED FOR OUR LANGUAGE OUTREACH PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR LANGUAGE AND LITERACY CLASSES. SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1993 WE HAVE SERVED OVER 10,000 ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN OUR FAMILY BASED PROGRAM. IT IS AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER BUT MORE IMPORTANT IS THE IMPACT THE PROGRAM HAS HAD ON THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE IMPROVED LANGUAGE SKILLS OF OUR STUDENTS TRANSLATES TO BETTER JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASED LEVELS OF EDUCATION. A GENERATION OF CHILDREN HAVE BEEN RAISED IN OUR PROGRAM AND THOSE CHILDREN NOW RETURN AS TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS, GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT GAVE SO MUCH TO THEM.

BUT YOUR SUPPORT GOES BEYOND THE FUNDING YOU GIVE, THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ESPECIALLY THE GRADUATION WE HOLD IN JUNE. THE EVENING IS ALWAYS LONGER THAN WE ANTICIPATE BECAUSE OUR STUDENTS WAIT PATIENTLY IN LINE TO HAVE THEIR "GRADUATION PHOTO" TAKEN WITH THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS. THIS YEAR'S GRADUATION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23RD AND I INVITE YOU ALL TO ATTEND ONCE AGAIN.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR ROCKVILLE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE PARTNERSHIP THIS PROGRAM ENJOYS WITH THE CITY'S COMMUNITY SERVICE DIVISION CELEBRATES ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. 35 YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP ROCKVILLE FAMILIES IN CRISIS; HELPING FAMILIES AVOID EVICTION AND UTILITY TERMINATION, AND PROVIDING PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE.



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THIS PARTNERHSIP IS CRITICAL TO BEING ABLE TO FULLY MEET THE NEEDS OF CITY OF ROCKVILLE FAMILIES IN CRISIS. AS RENTS INCREASE SO DOES THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO AVOID EVICTION IF A RESIDENT FALLS BEHIND ON THEIR PAYMENT. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR OUR PROGRAM TO WORK WITH THE CITY AND OTHER PROVIDERS TO HELP PATCH TOGETHER A FULL AMOUNT NEEDED.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE CITY'S LOW INCOME SENIORS. IT IS TRULY A PRIVILEGE TO DO SO. OUR SENIORS ARE OF A GENERATION WHO HAVE BEEN THE CAREGIVERS AND IT CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ACCEPT THE HELP THEY NEED. THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE RANGE FROM A FEW HOURS OF HOME CARE, VOLUNTEER CALLERS AND MONTHLY FOOD DELIVERIES TO HOME REPAIRS AND MODIFICATIONS. AGAIN THOSE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY...WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SENIOR CENTER AS WELL AS STAFF FROM COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SERVICES TO CARE FOR OUR ELDERS. TONIGHT AS I STAND BEFORE YOU THERE IS A LIST OF 19 SENIORS, ALL CITY OF ROCKVILLE RESIDENTS WAITING FOR HOME CARE SERVICES. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL OFFER WHAT VOLUNTEER SERVICES WE CAN FROM CALLERS TO MANNA FOOD DELIVERY AND WE WILL USE THE RECOMMENDED INCREASE WISELY.

FINALLY WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OF THE JEFFERSON HOUSE FOR MEN AND THE ROCKLAND HOUSE FOR WOMEN. THE JEFFERSON HOUSE WILL CELEBRATE ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. 25 YEARS OF PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO MEN WHO HAVE COPEDED WITH ADDICTION ISSUES AND HOMELESSNESS. THE CITY HAS BEEN A BACK BONE OF THAT PROGRAM.

AND YOU HAVE BEEN EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO THE ROCKLAND HOUSE. IT WAS NOT LONG AGO WHEN I WAS HERE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE NEW HOUSE WE HOPED TO OPEN FOR FIVE WOMEN. YOU WERE THERE FOR THE HOUSEWARMING IN APRIL OF 2014 AND HAVE RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE. IT DOES NOT SURPRISE ME THAT OUR RESIDENTS KNOW YOU BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL TIME YOU HAVE GIVEN. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED OUR FIRST GRADUATE, WHEN THE YOUNGEST RESIDENT OF THE ROCKLAND HOUSE MOVED TO INDEPENDENT LIVING, IS WORKING FULLTIME AND IS RETURNING TO COLLEGE. WE DON'T EXPECT HER TO RETURN, SHE HAS ACHIEVED STABILITY AND HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE. HER ROOM HAS ALREADY BEEN FILLED BY ANOTHER WOMAN WHO WAS HOMELESS.

WHILE WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE ADDITONAL FUNDING RECOMMENDED FOR THE JEFFERSON HOUSE WE ASK THAT YOU MIGHT RECONSIDER THE CUT

MADE TO THE ROCKLAND HOUSE AND IF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE RESTORE ANY AMOUNT POSSIBLE.

THROUGHOUT MY REMARKS THERE IS A COMMON THEME OF PARTNERSHIP. CMR COULD NOT PROVIDE THE SERVICES WE DO WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP OF THE CITY.

Louise Atkins

From: Norene Stovall <nonny62@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 12:11 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Rockville Villagea
Attachments: Council Meeting Apr 4'16.docx

Thank you very much for the opportunity to discuss Rockville Villages with you on April 4, 2016.. I am attaching a copy of my remarks for your information. We hope you remember us favorably in your budget deliberations this spring. Thank you very much for your warm welcome.

Norene Y. Stovall

April 4, 2016 City Council Meeting

Thank you, Mayor and Council for this opportunity. I'm Norene Stovall, 102 Dale Drive, and a founding member the Rockville Villages Advisory Committee. Many of you, if not all, have seen me behind this and other podiums talking about Rockville Seniors. I'm here on behalf of the Advisory Committee to recommend that the City of Rockville create and fund a Village Facilitator position.

As you may remember, our Chair, Ann Seltz, appeared before the Council on February 28th and provided an overview of our Committee and its activities. She included in that presentation our recommendation that the City of Rockville create a Village Facilitator staff position to provide support to the many neighborhoods now working to start neighborhood villages. Many people in support of the Village attended that night.

Tonight we are back – I ask those here in support of Villages to please stand.

At the invitation of a council member, the committee developed a position overview that was delivered with a cover letter as an email early in March.

We're here tonight to stress to the Council the importance of funding this position. For your convenience, I've included a copy of the letter and overview in your packets.

While village development must be organic to each neighborhood, there are many ways a City-based Village Facilitator can help, including:

- Providing a current and expert overview to existing services and programs useful to neighborhood villages,
- Helping to educate interested neighborhoods in best practices and realistic timelines
- Connecting interested neighborhoods so that they can help each other
- Facilitating resource-sharing across neighborhoods

As you will note in the position overview, we think that the City Villages Facilitator should have a somewhat different role than that of the county village coordinator. We believe community organizing expertise is important for the Rockville position.

We have recently launched a website (rockvillevillages.org) and are currently planning a second outreach event in October. We are also developing some communication materials in English, Chinese, Korean, Farsi, and Spanish. as well as other languages as needed to reflect neighborhood populations.

However providing consistent and professional guidance to individual neighborhoods requires a commitment with regular outreach to all the neighborhoods in Rockville. That is beyond the scope of a volunteer committee. We conservatively estimate that a total of 1200 hours of volunteer time have been donated since the project began in September of 2014. This estimate does not include Senior Center staff contributions. We have contacted, met with, and hosted villages in Greenbelt, Silver Spring, Hyattsville, and with New Mark Commons, East Rockville, King Farm here in the City to share ideas. I reached out to Montgomery College's

Service Learning program (worth 3 credits to students) and they are willing to assist neighborhood villages. Nik Sushka head of that program attended our 10 a.m. today and told us she believes there are opportunities for continuing partnerships with Rockville Villages

A primary goal of our committee has been to develop a village support model for all interested neighborhoods in Rockville, regardless of neighborhood resources. To meet that goal, the Villages Facilitator may need to develop education and outreach programs for neighborhoods that require more guidance and support. The bonus is villages promote neighborhood friendliness and cohesion.

We believe the Village Facilitator position would live best at The Senior Center as that staff has worked closely with this committee from its beginning. (Terry Hilton, Martha McClelland, Alexis D'Angelo and the recently retired Lorraine Schack).

We hope to work with the City of Rockville to secure funding for this position and approval of our recommended hub-and-spoke model. This model is unique to Rockville we believe.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your continued interest and, I hope financial support. Please excuse me, but I must leave shortly to prepare for an upcoming meeting of my local neighborhood village that is now forming. Villages of Rockville/April 4 test

Louise Atkins

From: Leslie Francis <aradrom@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 3:19 PM
To: Bridget Newton; bdndg@aol.com; mayorcouncil
Subject: 2017 Budget Review Session

M&C: The Monday night budget review session makes it very clear why the Rockville City Budget is so bloated and inflated....with fat, waste and abuse. As I have pointed out in the past, after conducting extensive comparative reviews, the city is operating at \$40-50 million more year than it should for a city its size. Beryl is the only member of M&C who is looking out for the taxpayers. The "Chicken Lady" is very free-spending with taxpayer dollars.

A new day is coming!!
Les Francis

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 6:47 PM
To: 'Leslie Francis'; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Budget Watch: Fiscal Year 2017

Mr. Francis,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Leslie Francis [mailto:aradrom@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 1:09 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Budget Watch: Fiscal Year 2017

Mayor and Council:

The FY 2017 budget review cycle has begun and it leads to more disaster for Rockville taxpayers. The attempt on the part of Councilwoman Beryl Feinberg to propose a modest \$300K reduction in staff salaries from the budget was met by nothing but disdain from the other members of the M&C.

As has been pointed out many times in the past, the inflated and bloated City of Rockville Operating Budget is not getting the proper look that it should be getting from the M&C, with the exception of Ms. Feinberg. The City of Frederick has an operating budget of approximately \$85 million as compared to the proposed Rockville operating budget of \$126 million+++. Frederick has a larger city population, a larger municipal footprint, and budget line items that Rockville does not have such as operating a municipal golf course and airport. The Rockville City Operating budget is loaded with waste, fat (fraud?) and abuse.....to the extent of \$40 million. It has long been a standard operating procedure on the part of city department heads to build their own empires, with total lack of respect for city taxpayers and lack of proper oversight by M&C.

The proposed 2017 budget indicates that city residents will be paying 2.2% more in property taxes. In addition the general fund budget will increase 2.6%, the refuse rate will increase by 6%, the sewer rate by 12.8%, the storm water management rate by 5% and the water rate will increase by 4.1%. And this does not take into account the proposed \$6.4 million debt issue that will further increase the unfunded liabilities on the part of the city. The M&C, with the exception of Beryl, fails to understand that most city residents have not seen a real increase in their wages in some time now. There are increasing numbers of seniors living on fixed income who can not bear these kinds of added expenses. It should also be pointed out that the overall economy is growing at approximately 1% a year.

I am proposing that the M&C initiate an overall 10% reduction in the city operating for each of the next four years. This will put Rockville in line fiscally with the City of Frederick. Failing to do so, I am requesting that all members of the M&C, with the exception of Councilwoman Feinberg, resign their positions immediately. The city should be placed in financial receivership until the problem is fixed. It is quite obvious that the M&C, again with the exception of Ms. Feinberg, lack the background, education, experience and backbone to make proper financial decisions on behalf of city residents. Should the above indicated members of M&C fail to propose an annual 10% budget reduction, and not resign their position, a recall effort will be started to remove them from office.
Sincerely, Les Francis, 129 South Van Buren street (301-762-1391)



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Today's Date

Rockville Mayor and Council
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850-2364

Dear Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and Councilmembers Beryl L. Feinberg, Virginia D. Onley, Julie Palakovich Carr and Mark Pierzchala

A number of persons of interest entertain the notion for the mayor and council to leap from a cliff and scramble to replace Barbara Matthews, (fired city manager, may she go in peace) is premature. With what urgency to set sail to initiate a city manager talent search at taxpayer expense and staff time attention is unclear. Now is not the time to find the new broom to sweep clean--- to get the house in order. There are city hall hands with brooms that can sweep cobwebs and dust.

What Rockville resident taxpayers are concerned with, even if they do not register to vote in Rockville elections, is new tax increases are coming from all levels of government; Federal, state, county and incorporated jurisdictions. The down size mantra is fluff. Increasing populations will move to the Rockville area to be employed and to fill more new housing occupancy permits, according to expert fortune tellers with strategic information.

Rockville city government needs to get a handle on existing resources and budget allocation. Of course, city budget matters are on the front burner with hot handle attention for the newly elected mayor and council who will steer the balanced budget course until the next election year. Let the acting city manager Get Into It. It is prime time to make decisive headlines.

Reading Mr. Craig L. Simoneau's bio on the front page, top right, Rockville Reports (April 2016 - vol.62 #4) numerates Simoneau's experience and the qualifications a new city manager must demonstrate. Why begin to search for a replacement at taxpayer expense paid to some bothersome contract headhunter to find an outsider and end up with another Barbara Matthews?

Where in the Charter, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations requires the mayor and council to begin searching for a new city manager according to a time line? If such a rule exists, it needs a temporary restraining order.

By the power of the Pen and the Sword with a hand guard,

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Cara Lesser <cara.lesser@kid-museum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9:15 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: Craig Simoneau; Jenny Kimball
Subject: KID Museum request for support

Dear Mayor Newton and Members of the Rockville City Council,

I am writing to respectfully request support from the City of Rockville for KID Museum's continued efforts to establish a permanent home in Rockville.

As you know, KID Museum is a creative space unlike any other in our region offering unique, interactive hands-on experiences that integrate science, technology, engineering, art and math learning with an exploration of world cultures and global citizenship. We have brought a wide range of exciting programming to our community, serving tens of thousands of local residents through large scale community festivals, school and group visits, and weekend and after-school programs.

The City of Rockville has been a critical partner to support the start-up of KID Museum's prototype program at Davis Library. Since opening our doors in late 2014, we have served more than 14,000 visitors, with a large following from Rockville. Many of our members, school groups and regulars for after-school and weekend programs are residents of the City of Rockville, and we are quickly becoming an important asset to the community. We were honored to be named "Best New Creative Zone for Kids" by Washingtonian Magazine in 2015 and to be invited to the White House three times in the past year.

With 18 months' experience under our belts, we have stabilized our operations and are now beginning to turn our attention to an intensive capital planning effort. Demand for our programs is quickly outstripping our capacity at Davis Library, and we urgently need to begin planning for a permanent home where we can more fully serve the local community.

We have recently applied for an Advancement Grant from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County to help support our capital planning work, and we would like to invite the City of Rockville to partner with us on this effort. Under this project, KID Museum plans to revisit initial projections related to attendance, use patterns, earned income and operating costs. Building on this analysis, we will develop a detailed facilities plan that KID Museum can use in conversation with real-estate developers and other prospective partners to describe our space needs and capital requirements. Lastly, we plan the project will culminate with a fundraising feasibility study to identify the sources of capital available to support the permanent home.

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With the City of Rockville as a partner, KID Museum will be poised to leverage this grant opportunity and take significant steps toward identifying and securing our permanent home. Your support will help KID Museum invest in the careful planning and analysis needed to bring our vision to scale. Moreover, your continued partnership will help signal to developers and other prospective partners the City's sustained interest in locating this emerging community resource within the City of Rockville.

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If you have any questions or I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-346-8779 or cara.lesser@kid-museum.org.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warmly,

Cara

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9:43 AM
To: 'Cara Lesser'; mayorcouncil
Cc: Craig Simoneau; Jenny Kimball
Subject: RE: KID Museum request for support

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From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 12:26 PM
To: 'Adams, Bruce'; mayorcouncil
Cc: Craig Simoneau; Jenny Kimball; Colleen McQuitty; Michael Coppersmith; Hjarman Cordero; Cara Lesser (cara.lesser@kid-museum.org); McFadden, Tawania
Subject: RE: Request for Continued Sponsorship of World of Montgomery Festival

Mr. Adams,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 11:18 AM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Cc: Craig Simoneau <csimoneau@rockvillemd.gov>; Jenny Kimball <jkimball@rockvillemd.gov>; Colleen McQuitty <CMcQuitty@rockvillemd.gov>; Michael Coppersmith <mcoppersmith@rockvillemd.gov>; Hjarman Cordero <hcordero@rockvillemd.gov>; Cara Lesser (cara.lesser@kid-museum.org) <cara.lesser@kid-museum.org>; McFadden, Tawania <Tawania.McFadden@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Request for Continued Sponsorship of World of Montgomery Festival

Mayor and Council: County Executive Leggett, Fund for Montgomery, and our other partners were extremely grateful to the City of Rockville for sponsoring our 2015 World of Montgomery Festival.

By this email I am requesting on behalf of the County Executive, Fund for Montgomery, and the World of Montgomery Leadership Committee that the City of Rockville continue its sponsorship at the \$10,000 level for our 2016 event.

Former County Executive Charlie Gilchrist began the county's ethnic heritage festival in the 1980s, and it had a long and successful run. County Executive Ike Leggett revived the event in 2008 and renamed it the World of Montgomery

Festival. While scores of ethnic heritage events are held in the county throughout the year, this is the one event that brings together the entire community to celebrate all of the ethnic heritages that combine to make multicultural Montgomery so special. It is the county's premier event to expose our residents, especially our youth, to what it means to be a 21st century global citizen.

In 2015, we moved the festival from Wheaton to Rockville because of the support of Montgomery College and the City of Rockville. We also added MCPS as a major partner in 2015. The 2016 event will be held on Sunday October 16 from noon to 4 p.m. This will be our eighth annual event. The festival has grown larger and better every year with the addition of the Fund for Montgomery as our major sponsor in 2011 and the KID Museum as our content provider in 2012. This progress will continue in 2016 as we have added the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council as a major partner bringing some of the county's most important arts organizations to the festival. The County's Department of Recreation has also joined as a partner.

The World of Montgomery Leadership Committee has held its first planning meeting. We propose a budget of \$105,000 with \$60,000 provided by the private sector sponsors of the Fund for Montgomery, \$25,000 from Montgomery County government, \$10,000 from Montgomery College, and \$10,000 from the City of Rockville. MCPS and other partners will continue to provide in-kind services. The arts organizations recruited by the Arts and Humanities Council will pay fees to cover their participation.

In addition, we appreciate the city's timely approval of necessary permits and waiver of fees in 2015. This was extremely important to the success of our event and will be a key element of our future success.

Bruce Adams
Director, Office of Community Partnerships
Montgomery County Government Community Engagement Cluster
Rockville Memorial Library
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From Albert Schweitzer: "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

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Louise Atkins

From: Louise Atkins
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 12:28 PM
To: Amanda Roberts
Cc: mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Please fund the Rockville Science Center

Dear Ms. Roberts:

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From: Amanda Roberts [mailto:amanda.s.roberts8@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 11:33 AM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Please fund the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Palakovich-Carr and Councilmember Pierzchala,

Please fully fund the operations of Rockville Science Center for FY 2017. Each year, RSC brings to Rockville:

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With all of this, Rockville Science Center is a bargain for Rockville, and deserves to be fully funded in the FY2017 budget.

I have a young son that loves animals and adores all the animals at Rockville Science Day every year. We hope that this is just one sign that he will be a science lover as he gets older. We want the Rockville Science Center to continue to receive funding so that it can provide a variety of programming to help him be a true science lover.

Thanks,
Amanda Roberts

329 Seth Place, Rockville MD

Louise Atkins

From: Louise Atkins
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 12:29 PM
To: 'Stephen Andruski'
Cc: mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Funding for Rockville Science Center

Dear Mr. Andruski:

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To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
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With scientific organization like HHS, FDA, USP, NIH and NIST, the Rockville area is home to hundreds of scientists. The Rockville Science Center gives these scientists a way to connect with the community, and support science education and engagement. Help keep Rockville at the center of these activities.

Steve Andruski

Manager, Verification Programs

US Pharmacopeia

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"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

~ Abraham Lincoln

Louise Atkins

Exhibit: 20
FY17 Budget

From: Louise Atkins
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 3:14 PM
To: Gary Knott
Cc: mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: rockville science center.

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From: Gary Knott [mailto:garyknott@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 2:52 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: rockville science center.

Dear Rockville,

Please fully fund the Rockville Science Center Programs.

(Only libraries are as important.)

Thanks, gary knott, www.civilized.com (take a look.)

Louise Atkins

From: Louise Atkins
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 3:14 PM
To: Kim Hayes
Cc: mayorcouncil
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From: Kim Hayes [mailto:khayes@allegHENYST.com]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 2:56 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Rockville Science Center

Please support full funding. The RSC will bring needed strength and opportunities in STEM to Montgomery County.

Kim Hayes

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Kim Hayes
Director, Energy Programs
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Tanya Hines
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 8:30 AM
To: jklima1936@aol.com; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Rockville Science Center

Dear Mr. Klima,

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Sincerely,

Tanya

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From: jklima1936@aol.com [mailto: jklima1936@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2016 4:08 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Rockville Science Center

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John Klima

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Tanya Hines
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 8:29 AM
To: Jessica Berrellez; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Rockville Science Center Funding

Dear Ms. Berrellez,

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From: Jessica Berrellez [mailto:jessica.berrellez@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 9:28 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Rockville Science Center Funding

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Thanks,

Jessica Berrellez

Jessica Nadine (Hernandez) Berrellez

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Tanya Hines
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 8:26 AM
To: denisesilverberg@earthlink.net; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Rockville City villages facilitator position

Dear Ms. Silverberg,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

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From: denisesilverberg@earthlink.net [mailto:denisesilverberg@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2016 8:32 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Rockville City villages facilitator position

To the Mayor, City Council, acting City Manager,
I strongly urge you to support funding for a City Villages facilitator position.
I live at 503 King Farm Blvd, #302, Rockville, MD 20850. Thank you for your consideration. Denise Silverberg

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 8:55 AM
To: Timothy James Fahey; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: support the Rockville Science Center

Mr. Fahey,

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From: Timothy James Fahey [mailto:timfahey@mac.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2016 10:59 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: support the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please full fund for the Rockville Science Center.

Trying to get a fully functioning Science Center requires groups of organizations to fund and support with time and treasure the important functions that support our vision. It can become the unique focal point for our community. ~~Please full fund and even strength your commitment to the science center for years to come.~~

Best Regards,

Tim Fahey

"True happiness comes from pursuing worthy goals."

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Rockville, MD 20851

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:13 AM
To: Aldo Berrellez; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Rockville Science Center

Mr. Berrellez,

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From: Aldo Berrellez [mailto:adberrellez@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:08 AM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Rockville Science Center

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Thanks,

Aldo Berrellez

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 12:13 PM
To: Nancy L. DeLalio; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Funding for Rockville Science Center

Ms. DeLalio,

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From: Nancy L. DeLalio [mailto:nancydelalio@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 12:04 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Funding for Rockville Science Center

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My husband and I started the First Lego League robotics group at Redland Middle School four years ago after attending a session hosted by the Rockville Science Center. Since that time we have coached 60 students. Many have continued in the robotics programs into high school. Without the support of the Rockville Science Center we would not have had the confidence to embark on this great adventure. Please provide full funding for the wonderful programs that enrich our community in so many ways.

Thank you for helping us bring the wonder and excitement of science and technology to everyone in Rockville!

Sincerely,

Nancy L. DeLalio
Member Rockville Science Center
Board of Trustees
Rockville Science Center

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 1:18 PM
To: Jim and Gen; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Council meeting April 18

Mr. and Mrs. Collins,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

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From: Jim and Gen [mailto:glcipc@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 1:17 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Council meeting April 18

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight, but want to let you know that I support the group which speaks for Aging in Place. I have attended several of their meetings as well as the meeting last October.

We need a full-time dedicated position for an individual who will help us get organized and help seniors so that we can stay in our homes.

Thank you,

Generosa L. Collins

April 18, 2016

Good Evening Mayor Newton and Members of the Rockville City Council.

My name is Agnes Saenz, Executive Director of Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) and Coordinator of the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition.

On April 4, I testified at the second budget public hearing on behalf of the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition and requested that the \$20,000 that are currently being recommended for funding for the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center (a program that closed a couple of months ago) be reallocated to other Caregiver programs.

At that time, I specifically asked that you relocate the \$20,000 of the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center to restore the funds for the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic in the amount of \$10,000, to restore the funds for Rockland House in the amount of \$4,300, and at a minimum to restore the funds of Rainbow Place of \$1,000 but ideally to fund Rainbow at the total request of \$25,000 or \$5,000 more.

Tonight, I want to add one more program to the Caregiver's program request for your consideration of additional funding. In lieu of the recommendations of senior study that we will hear tonight in the agenda and that one of the recommendations is Homecare services for seniors. I am

asking you to increase additional funding for the Elderly Ministries Program of CMR for homecare services.

In the Elderly Ministries Program of Community Ministries of Rockville, we asked for \$90,000 for FY17. We appreciate the recommendation to increase funding to \$85,000 from \$81,500 in FY16. However, I ask that you please consider funding the full request of \$90,000 or an additional \$5,000 more. As of today, we have 19 seniors living in the City of Rockville in our waiting list and 2 existing senior clients who are in need of additional hours.

So, to recap, on behalf of the Rockville Caregiver's Coalition, I am asking that you consider reallocating and adding funding as follows:

- Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic: restoring \$10,000
- Rockland House: restoring \$4,300
- Rainbow Place a combination of restoring and adding funding: \$5,000
- Elderly Ministries: adding \$5,000 more

This is a total of \$24,300 of which \$20,000 is reallocation of funds among Caregiver programs from the Montgomery Avenue Women's Center.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to speak before you this evening.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 12:26 PM
To: Bonnie Chernikoff; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Support for City Villages Facilitator

Ms. Chernikoff,

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From: Bonnie Chernikoff [mailto:bonniechernikoff@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 7:10 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Support for City Villages Facilitator

Resending message below.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bonnie Chernikoff** <bonniechernikoff@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, April 18, 2016
Subject: Support for City Villages Facilitator
To: Mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gv

My husband, Robert Chernikoff, and I live in King Farm in Rockville. As senior citizens, we want to register our strong support for the Rockville Villages Advisory Committee's request for 2017 budget approval to hire a City Villages Facilitator.

I participate in the King Farm Aging in Place Committee. I am acutely aware of the many adjustments necessary for my husband and me to remain in our lovely home as we age. Others in our neighborhood and area face the same concerns we do and it is vital to have the expert advice of the City Villages Facilitator as we make important decisions about our future, long term living conditions. Thank you for your consideration,

Bonnie Chernikoff
404 Garden View Way
Rockville, MD 20850

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 12:26 PM
To: Michelle Day; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Letter of Support

Ms. Day,

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From: Michelle Day [mailto:rockville@rockvillechamber.org]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:39 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Letter of Support

Good evening, Mayor and Council.

Attached, please find a letter from our Board Chair in support of the Business Incentive Program proposed by REDI. A paper copy has been mailed as well.

Thanks so much.

Best Regards,

Michelle Day
President & CEO
Rockville Chamber of Commerce
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 12:20 PM
To: Lee, Diane L; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Keep Rockville Science Center!!!!

Ms. Lee,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lee, Diane L [mailto:Diane_L_Lee@mcpsmd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:52 AM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Keep Rockville Science Center!!!!

Diane Lee
Magruder Science Teacher

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 12:18 PM
To: Y WW; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: funding Rockville Science center

Mr. and Mrs. Wang,

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From: Y WW [mailto:wangjy8@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 10:06 AM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: funding Rockville Science center

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On a personal note, my son started interested in STEM because the promotion of Rockville Science Center's effort. Because of the center's effort, we can start a FLL team and the children are more aware the environmental issue and will become a better citizen.

Regards,

Weila and Jane Wang

April 18, 2016

Testimony: Full funding for Rockville Science Center for FY 2017

Good evening, Madam Mayor and Councilmembers,

I'm Helen Triolo; I reside at 606 Mannakee Street. I'm here to request full funding for the Rockville Science Center in FY 2017. Having worked with the staff and board of the Science Center for the past six months, I've had many opportunities to see how their operations are run and how they allocate money received from the City and elsewhere. In addition to the six programs they run regularly (Science Cafe for adults, Science Cafe for college and high school students, Science Tuesdays for seniors, Science & Engineering summer camps, Explorations Field Trips and FIRST LEGO League robotics competitions), they are also working to bring a physical regional science facility to Rockville, and a training & maker space to the Rockville library. They also organize the annual Rockville Science Day, which is coming up this Sunday at Montgomery College from noon to 5:00 and which brings thousands of visitors from all over the area to enjoy an afternoon of telescopes, microscopes, live animals, electric cars, silly putty, rockets, and yummy food from Kiwanis. All of this organizing is done in a very frugal way, with the cost of printing every flyer, purchasing every robot part, and sending every newsletter taken into account (and often long-debated).

The amount requested for FY 2017, \$55,000, together with a matching amount raised from memberships and sponsorships, will cover this activity. The amount allocated in the current budget will not. Whether it's the maker space, one of RSC's two part-time program coordinators, or an existing program, something will have to go. All of those play a vital role in promoting scientific literacy in the community and providing training and inspiration for young people to pursue science and tech-related careers. I am personally very interested in seeing the Science Center bring a maker space to Rockville similar to ones currently operating in Silver Spring, Arlington and Bethesda and would hate to see that end up on the chopping block. I know the Rockville Science Center greatly appreciates the help, financial and otherwise, given by the City of Rockville in the past, and I hope they can count on full City funding for FY 2017 operations.

Thank you.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Norene Stovall; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Norene Stovall Re: Rockville Villages

Ms. Stovall,

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From: Norene Stovall [mailto:nonny62@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 3:24 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Norene Stovall Re: Rockville Villages

Thank you very much for the opportunity to address you regarding the Villages position at the Senior Center. I hope my remarks added information to the continuing dialog of the issue to assist Aging in Place. We look forward to a result that is appropriate for all. I really feel that a City staff position will save City funds in the long run by maintaining a strong group of local Villages.

Thank you again, Norene

Ardell P. Hilliard
605 Douglass Ave
Rockville, MD 20850

April 5, 2016

Mayor & Council Members
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Dear Mayor & Council Members,

I am writing as a resident of Rockville and a member of the Senior Board of Commissioners. On Monday night it was brought to your attention the need for a full time position regarding the Village concept that has been recently spotlighted.

We have such a position currently at our Senior center. The person providing these services is now part-time. I am in support of that person being funded in the new budget as full-time. I hope you will consider the need, as this will assist the City of Rockville in addressing future of the increasing Senior population.

Thank you,


Ardell Hilliard

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 4:30 PM
To: JAMES A GOHEEN; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: M & C Meeting 4/18/16

Mr. Goheen,

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From: JAMES A GOHEEN [mailto:jagoheen@icloud.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:54 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: M & C Meeting 4/18/16

Dear M & C:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate your efforts regarding the Villages Coordinator idea & your plan to transfer the funds from the vacant positions. I know there are two openings in the neighborhood liaison dept & one has been vacant for over two years. It will be interesting to see how those duties were handled with the staff vacancies.

I'm sure it will take some time to develop a job description & how to utilize the expanded staff. Will any public input be requested or will this be Tim Chesnutt's responsibility?

Regarding the Senior Needs study:

I-phone & I-pad classes are too expensive. The senior center charges \$40.00 for a group class of 4 hours over 2 days. Montgomery County libraries offer free individual classes for these devices. Apple stores offer many free group classes for their devices. I would think Montgomery College or some group of retired professionals would be able to help provide instruction to seniors?

Lastly,has any one reached out to R.S.I to see if they have ideas or suggestions regarding these challenges?

Thank you for all you do for our city. Sincerely, Jim Goheen

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 24, 2016

2016 APR 21 PM 12:38

Mayor and Council
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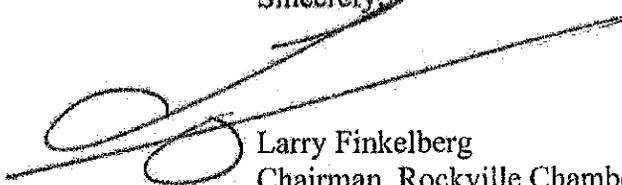
Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you today to express the support of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce for the REDI's proposed Business Incentive Programs.

As you know, we work closely with both City staff and elected officials to assure a thriving Rockville that is a good place to live, to do business and to raise a family. REDI's proposed Business Incentive Programs will create an opportunity to market Rockville as a great place to do business not only to our existing companies, who could benefit from the Business Expansion Fund, but also to companies outside of the County who may be looking for a location and will view Rockville as a business-friendly option through the use of the Rockville MOVE Program incentive. New and expanding businesses help to bring jobs and create wealth in Rockville, and these programs will help to further the City's reputation as a great place to do business.

The Chamber strongly recommends funding these programs.

Sincerely,



Larry Finkelberg
Chairman, Rockville Chamber of Commerce

Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 5:10 PM
To: David R. DeLalio; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: In support of funding for the Rockville Science Center

Mr. DeLalio,

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From: David R. DeLalio [mailto:ddelalio@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 4:51 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: In support of funding for the Rockville Science Center

Dear Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Palakovich-Carr and Councilmember Pierzchala,

I am submitting this to you as a local parent, a STEM professional in the Rockville area, and as a motivated citizen looking to improve our area. I have been aware and participated in RSC events and concerns for some time for all these causes - I believe in its mission to be a center for education and improving the Rockville community at many levels. My request is your consideration to please fully fund the operations of Rockville Science Center for FY 2017.

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Thank you for your consideration and efforts for our area.

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From: Agnes Saenz <asaenz@cmrocks.org>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 4:50 PM
To: Bridget Newton; Beryl Feinberg; Julie Palakovich Carr; Mark Pierzchala; Virginia Onley
Cc: Sara Taylor-Ferrell; Ann Seltz; Norene Stovall; Lynn Arndt
Subject: Letter in support of the Village Movement
Attachments: CMR scanned and signed letter in support of Village Movement.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing to ask for your support to fund the full time Village Coordinator position as well as increasing the hours to full time of the two case workers at the Senior Center.

Attached please find a letter of support.

Thanks,

Agnes

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April 21, 2016

Mayor Bridget Newton and Rockville City Council
111 Maryland Avenue,
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mayor Newton and Members of the Rockville City Council:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the valuable discussion at the Mayor and Council meeting on April 18 after the presentation of the Senior Services Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis.

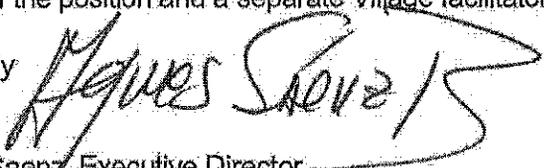
Since the Senior Services presentation took place after the budget public hearing, which happens to be the last one, but the public record is open until April 25, I am writing in support of the Mayor's recommendation of increasing the two existing program outreach workers from their current part-time status of 0.8 FTE position to 1.0 for their existing responsibilities and in addition to include in the FY17's budget a full time position for the Rockville Village Coordinator.

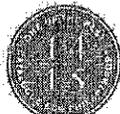
The two existing outreach workers responsibilities don't have room to add the Village Coordinator and I support the comments from Terri Hilton, Senior Center Manager, on April 19 about the concern of not overloading these positions. As Terri reported, the statistics of the case loads the outreach workers handle were impressive and with no room for other responsibilities and if any the need to make these positions full time.

As Norene Stovall, from the Rockville Villages Advisory Committee shared in her testimony at the public hearing on April 19, Outreach Workers perform case management – receive requests for help majority long-term, home visits, multiple meetings to report and/or learn and share information, provide translation to other languages, teach other languages and organize social events and arrange and accompany seniors to Montgomery County Adult Protection. They really are full time positions.

Ann Seitz, Chair of the Rockville Villages Advisory Committee, presented a letter to you at the Mayor and Council Citizens Forum on February 8, 2016. I am providing here one of the paragraphs that says.....The Advisory Committee is fully aware that there is a part-time outreach position at the Rockville Senior Center, as well as staff who provide home services and wellness services, also on a part time basis. We determined that the Villages activities would further burden these already burdened positions and should remain separate. In fact, we strongly recommend that the outreach position be made full time position accommodate new demands on the time spent in carrying out the duties of the position and a separate Village facilitator position be created.

Sincerely


Agnes Saenz, Executive Director



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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 8:27 AM
To: Eric Shettle; mayorcouncil
Subject: RE: Please Support the Rockville Science Center

Mr. Shettle,

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, thank you for your comments on the proposed FY2017 Budget. Your comments will be placed into the official record and considered by the Mayor and Council as they discuss all aspects of the Budget.

The Public Record will close on April 25, 2016. The Mayor and Council will conduct a Worksession on May 2, with budget adoption scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016.

The Mayor and Council appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

Sara Taylor-Ferrell
Acting City Clerk

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From: Eric Shettle [mailto:eshettle@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2016 4:58 PM
To: mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Subject: Please Support the Rockville Science Center

Carolyn & Eric Shettle
701 King Farm Blvd., Apt. 543
Rockville, MD 20850-6184

April 24, 2016

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Eric P. Shettle

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Eric P. Shettle

8504 Irvington Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20817
April 20, 2016

Subject: Rockville Science and Rockville Science Center

Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville
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Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mayor Newton, Council Members Feinberg, Onley, Pierzchala, and Palakovich-Carr,

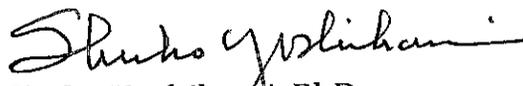
I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of funding the **Rockville Science Café and Rockville Science Center** for the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget of the City of Rockville.

I am a resident of Bethesda and not of Rockville, so I am envious that my neighboring City of Rockville has the foresight and the citizenry to have established the Rockville Science Center promoting scientific literacy among its citizenry. The continuing and well attended programs attest to the Center's success in advancing scientific understanding among students and adults of Rockville and beyond to Montgomery county and Metropolitan Washington.

As a research scientist I have been supportive through the Scientific Research Honor Society, The Sigma Xi to promote the programs of The Rockville Science Center and the Rockville Science Café.

Again, may I urge you to vote in favor of funding the Rockville Science Center programs in the FY 2017 Budget of the City of Rockville.

Sincerely,



Shuko Yoshikami, PhD,

Vice President of the DC Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi

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