



COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 12, 2022

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Live via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92154181214>

Facilitator: Marsetta Ray, Chair

Board Members

Marsetta Ray, Chair, South Fulton Senior Services (present) | Beth Cayce, District 2, Vice Chair (present) | Mary Blake, At-Large (present) | Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian, Council on Aging, West (present) | Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, District 1 (present) | Rosalind Elliott, District 3 (present) | Linda Adams, District 4 (present) | Barbara Brown, Council on Aging South (**absent**) | District 5 (**vacant**) | Jill Lindsey, District 6 (**absent**) | Council on Aging East (**vacant**) | Ann Germany, Senior Services North Fulton (present) | La Tanya D. Walker, Senior Services Representative (non-voting)

Visitors and Staff

- Nine (9) visitors present | Two (2) senior services staff

Motivational Thought:

Lessons in life will be repeated until they are learned. Sometimes, that can take a while. "A smart man or woman makes a mistake, learns from it, and never makes that mistake again." ~Roy Williams

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourselves." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m., with Chairperson Ray, Vice Chair Cayce, Parliamentarian, Lyles-Bailey, Chair Pro-Tem Blake, Rosalind Elliott, Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, Linda Adams, and Ann Germany present to constitute a quorum. A motion to was called by Chairperson Ray to approve the agenda. Beth Cayce made the motion and Rosalind Elliott seconded the motion with all present approving. The vote to approve the agenda was taken.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was called by Chairperson Ray to approve the minutes. Mary Blake made the motion and Rosalind Elliott seconded the motion. The vote to approve the meeting minutes was taken with all present approving.

Monthly Information Feature

Topic: Senior Transportation | Presenter-Penelope Greer, Fulton County Senior Services

Fulton County has two plans for senior transportation: Transdev (bus) and Uber/Lyft. There are three criteria (60 yrs. of age or older, Fulton County resident and a need for service) Fares remain the same at \$1 per leg. Described limitations and needs, especially the need for more qualified drivers. Chairperson Ray asked for assistance in developing a resource list of other transportation providers. Linda Adams shared concerns about transportation to and from Neighborhood Senior Centers (NSC). Center transportation is provided by Transdev for NSC.

Officers and Standing Committee Reports

Chairperson Ray – Marsetta Ray reported that Neighborhood Centers are expanding. Most participants still wear masks. Have begun to take field trips.

Health & Wellness – Beth Cayce reported that a draft of the Dementia-Friendly resolution has been developed and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners after meeting with Senior Services.

Ann Germany advised training for their staff on how to recognize Monkeypox

Senior Services – Linda Adams reported that New Horizons had their first site meeting; there is still concern about a few problems at New Horizons. Community garden has vegetables. Site council meeting are every second Monday of the month.

Safety & Security – Ruth Lyles-Bailey reported recommended measures in an active shooter situation. (Identify exits, drop (get low), and identify direction/source of gunfire.

Technology – No report.

Civic Life – Marsetta Ray advised about title theft protection with REACT. She also gave alert about Monkeypox in Georgia.

Programming – Marsetta Ray reminded the group about the upcoming webinar on September 29th. Speaker from Social Security has been confirmed. Flyers will be sent out week of August 15th for distribution.

Senior Services Report

Kweli Rashied-Henry reported that the Fulton Senior Farmer's Market program has begun distributing vouchers for produce. Next will be 9/14, and 9/15. Other details can be found on website. Mandatory mask-wearing is back in effect. Senior Services will receive American Rescue Plan grant of \$592,532 for home-delivered meals and transportation. A virtual open house will be conducted by Senior Services on August 22nd (10am-11am). New protocols for Monkeypox are forthcoming.

Unfinished Business

SSA/Medicaid/Medicare workshop: Approval has been given. Representative from SSA will be available to present. Flyer is in progress. Zoom information will be provided on the flyer.

New Business

Chairperson Ray created an email address for the Commission. Advised all members to look for correspondence from FultonCOEA@gmail.com November meeting date.

Public Comments

Ms. Olivia Taylor had concerns about Uber/Lyft but questions were answered during presenters segment.

Announcements

None provided

Motions Approved

The November meeting was moved from November 11 to November 4 due to holiday

Next Meeting

September 9, 2022 | 12:30 p.m., virtually via Zoom