

## Greater Richmond Age Wave Coalition

### Neighborhood Livability Action Team

April 5, 2017 @ 1:00pm-2:30pm

Richmond Regional Planning District Commission

9211 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond, VA 23230

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**Notes:** Stephanie Scott

**Objective:** Increase opportunities for affordable housing and home modification services for older adults, increase mobility and transportation infrastructure in order to decrease isolation of older adults and persons with disabilities, improve physical infrastructure including accessibility to housing and public transportation, promote public safety and make disaster planning widely accessible. The Greater Richmond Age Wave Plan

#### The Meeting

Ken presented the Richmond Transit Network Plan, this is a short term plan to re-design the system to create an integrated network with the BRT service. Three phases to the plan which was started by conducting a one year study involving stakeholder meetings, surveys and community meetings. Three Phases: Phase 1 input on general and abstract trade-offs, choices report, Phase 2 input on network concepts and Phase 3 Draft report. 70% funding for frequent service and 30% funding for coverage to less populous areas. Increase bus stop spacing to five per mile or every three blocks.

Currently in the last phase of public outreach. In addition to an online survey regarding use, outbound destinations and view of proposed route and temporary transfer plaza. Discussed proposed network characteristics such as BRT plus 13 north-south routes and 12 east west routes. Routes with headways of 15, 30 and 60 minutes, plus peak and express service. Three connection points. Timed transfers at the downtown transfer plaza. 113,000 residents and 117,000 jobs within a half-mile radius of public transit and assumes constant funding levels.

Outreach public meetings have become more focused with time depending on the local area impacted. With more expansive service the goal is to provide more transportation to local jobs. Ken advised public input has been good and GRTC has been willing to listen to the public. Team members shared their experiences of attending public meetings. During one public meeting, GRTC shared they will share the new plan with the public. Henrico County is currently undergoing the same process. Ken announced GRTC is changing contractors from MV and will now use Frist Response.

Tony provided an update on the Transportation Forum sponsored with Senior Connections community stakeholders, transportation providers and other members of the community. Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Time allotted for presentations and community discussion. Ken advised the hope is for this to be the start of good dialog to discuss gaps and opportunities.

Beth gave an update on Aging 2.0 providing an education forum on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Event will be divided into 2 segments: (1) panel to present issues of a volunteer driving program and audience will provide solutions and ideas (reverse pitch) (2) Past Pitch contestants to present their ideas. This is a great time for people to come together and generate new ideas. Looking for videos of people who have used and currently use public transportation. Presentations will be brief. Event to take place at Triple Crossing in Fulton Hills from 6-8pm. Good collaboration between Aging 2.0 and business for life.

Report and update from Catherine on grant for self-driving cars for access to public transportation. She is working with Tom Nash who is currently working on presentation and paper for an upcoming conference, they are in the process of putting together a full presentation to report out for the team.

Autonomous or self-driving vehicles for disabled people and seniors– Ken asked for an update for May meeting. Team shared thoughts on this new technology and opportunities. Solutions are not going to be one size fits all.

Sheryl Johnson from RVA Reginal Transits gave an update on their grassroots organization that is dedicated to educating, organizing and advocating for a first-class rapid transit system. Gave out cards with a 'dream' transit plan for Richmond. Group had a robust discussion on transportation currently offered in Richmond and visions for the ideal. Tony mentioned a services provided by GRTC that Kelsey will come out and help someone use public transportation. She will walk them through the process. Tony advised it is a great time for creative thinking. Group discussed climate of federal budget.

## Next Meetings & Events

Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 2:30pm

Neighborhood Livability Team Meeting

Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, 9211 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, VA

Tuesday, April 25th from 1pm - 3:00pm

Transportation Forum sponsored by Senior Connections

Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center

Aging 2.0 Innovation Tour – Fall date TBD

Name	Organization Affiliation
Lisette Carbajal	Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
Ken Lantz	Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
Karen Moeller	Greater Richmond Age Wave Coalition
Catherine MacDonald	Greater Richmond Age Wave Coalition
Maria Halperin Terrell	Greater Richmond Age Wave Coalition
Stephanie Scott	Greater Richmond Age Wave Coalition
Molly MacBean	VCU Gerontology student and VanGo
Tony Williams	Senior Connections
Mike Harton	RVA Regional Transit
Sheryl Johnson	RVA Regional Transit
Beth Ludden	Genworth/Age Wave
Kayla Diggs Brody	VCU Partnership for People with Disabilities
Lisette Carbajal	Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

## ABSENT

Name	Organization Affiliation
Amy Marschean	Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
Annie Rhodes	VCU Gerontology Student
Ayn Welleford	VCU Gerontology
Thelma Watson	Senior Connections
Sara Morris	Senior Connections
Charles Rasnick	MCEF Hanover Senior Rides