



Clark County Commission on Aging  
1300 Franklin Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Vancouver, Washington

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## Meeting Notes

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chuck Frayer, Patti Gray, Bob Holdridge, Pat Janik, Linda O’Leary, Bill Ritchie, Ali Caley Smith, Karin Woll

**Absent:** Marjorie Ledell

**Board of County Councilors:** David Madore, Tom Mielke, Jeanne Stewart

**County Manager:** Mark McCauley

**Staff:** Colete Anderson, Jacqui Kamp, Oliver Orjiako, Mary Beth O’Donnell, Kathy Schroader

### Welcome and Call to Order

- Chair Bill Ritchie opened the meeting. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes from May 19 was unanimously approved.
- Bill welcomed the Board of County Councilors to the meeting.
- New commission members Linda O’Leary, Pat Janik and Ali Caley Smith were welcomed and introduced themselves. Their terms started June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Presentation:

Bill Ritchie presented the Commission’s annual report for 2014–15. Accomplishments and projects from the past year were highlighted. Of particular mention is the timebanking program, hOurIMPACT, which has been in development for the past three years. It is in the soft launch, test period now with full roll out anticipated in January 2016.

The focus for the commission in the coming year is advocacy, awareness and education; getting out into the community and speaking with people face to face, one to one; helping people understand that we are all aging and we all want to do it well.

Councilor Madore asked about accessory dwelling units (ADU); how can we change the current status in unincorporated, rural areas to allow for families to stay together on the same sites? Oliver Orjiako, Director of Community Planning, said his staff is researching the ADU issue and will be bringing findings before the Planning Commission and the Board of County Councilors in the near future.

Mark Maggiora is on the city’s Affordable Housing task force. He commented that it’s essential to address the ADU issue and this is an opportune time. The city will do what it can but it will

take efforts from many parties to succeed. He commends the commission and the council for moving forward.

Councilor Stewart commented that it was reassuring to hear about the commission's work in identifying the problems and looking for solutions. Formerly she was on the Planning Commission and was present when they wrote the law pertaining to ADU's. Later, as a member of the Vancouver City Council, she saw what many of them developed into. At first they were used for family members then later, more turned into rental income units. The city also reduced the requirement to provide parking. For the rental units, that meant people were coming and going, making it hard to keep track of who was legitimately there. Now, the county has the opportunity to think about those implications and customize something that's suitable. Also they found the demand for ADU's was more because affordable housing wasn't as available in the city and older people wanted to be near their doctor, hospital, grocery stores and family.

ADU's is one way to maintain an income stream for the homeowner to be able to afford to stay in their home. For the renter it can mean an opportunity to help the owner with maintenance and receive a reduction in rent.

#### Adjournment

The commission will not meet in July and will hold a retreat in August. The next open, general meeting will be September 16.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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