


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 18, 2009
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON AGING

ISSUE: Request from the Alexandria Commission on Aging and the Alexandria Commission for Women to add a designated position for a representative from the Commission for Women to the membership of the Commission on Aging (Attachments 1 and 2).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Approve the request to add a designated position for a representative from the Alexandria Commission for Women on the Alexandria Commission on Aging; and
- (2) Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the September 8 legislative meeting of City Council.

DISCUSSION: The Commission on Aging (COA) and the Commission for Women have requested that Council approve a modification to the membership of the Commission on Aging that adds a designated position for a representative from Commission for Women. This request is based on the belief that both Commissions would benefit from an exchange of information and ideas on the needs of Alexandria's older women. If Council approves the request, the Commission on Aging's membership will increase from 21 to 22 members. I recommend that Council approve the request.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1. April 20 E-mail from William Harris to Mayor Euille
- Attachment 2. May 15 E-mail from Mary Catherine Gibbs to Rose Williams Boyd

STAFF: Rose Williams Boyd, Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions



Alexvamayor@aol.com
04/22/2009 10:44 AM

To: Rose.Boyd@alexandriava.gov
cc
bcc

Subject: Fwd: Liaison to Commission on Aging

History:  This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Rose,

The Mayor asked me to forward the address for "action to Council."

Thanks!

Beth

From: wpharris@comcast.net
To: alexvamayor@aol.com
CC: jackie.henderson@alexandriava.gov, SusanBKellom@aol.com, mcg.hcgk@verizon.net, MaryAnn.Griffin@alexandriava.gov, Debbie.Ludington@alexandriava.gov
Sent: 4/20/2009 8:24:39 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Liaison to Commission on Aging

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
From: William Harris, Chair, Alexandria Commission on Aging
Subject: Commission Membership

The Alexandria Commission on Aging voted to request that the membership of the Commissions be changed to provide that the Commission for Women designate a member to be a liaison to the Commission on Aging. It is my understanding the Commission for Women has done the same.

It is apparent to both Commissions that each would benefit from an exchange of information and ideas on the needs of Alexandria's older women.

There is no financial impact for this request.

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"Mary Catherine Gibbs"
<mcg.hcgk@verizon.net>
05/15/2009 09:29 AM

To <rose.boyd@alexandriava.gov>
cc
bcc

Subject FW: Commissions for Women and Aging

History:  This message has been replied to.

Rose, I've confirmed with our commission and with Bill Harris of the Commission on Aging, that we both believe it should be a voting member on the Commission for Aging who's a rep from the Commission for Women.

Please call me with any questions.

Thanks, Mary Catherine

From: Bill Harris [mailto:wpharris@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 9:13 AM
To: Mary Catherine Gibbs
Subject: Re: Commissions for Women and Aging

Mary Catherine,
We discussed this at our commission meeting yesterday and agreed it should be a voting member. Please convey that info to whomever needs to know.
Thanks,
Bill

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

From: Mary Catherine Gibbs
To: wpharris@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 8:46 AM
Subject: Commissions for Women and Aging

Bill, we talked about this again at our meeting on Tuesday and what we were thinking of was a voting member on the Commission for Aging, and by the email I got a copy of below, I believe the Commission on Aging was under the same impression. I'd like to forward your email to Rose Boyd, but wanted your permission first. Let me know what you think.

Thanks, Mary Catherine

From: SusanBKellom@aol.com [mailto:SusanBKellom@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:59 PM
To: mcg.hcgk@verizon.net
Subject: Fwd: Senior Tax Relief Report

FYI -- I mentioned it because I knew that Bill wanted to be able to update at today's meeting.

Susan K

From: wpharris@comcast.net

To: SusanBKellom@aol.com
CC: Debbie.Ludington@alexandriava.gov
Sent: 5/14/2009 1:43:49 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: Senior Tax Relief Report

Susan,

I have seen email exchanges going to the City on the matter. I would expect that any "member" is a voting member, and will work on that expectation until someone advised otherwise.

Bill

PS We will have copies of Ben's report to distribute at today's meeting. Tell Ben, many thanks.

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

From: SusanBKellom@aol.com

To: wpharris@comcast.net ; debbie.Ludington@alexandriava.gov

Cc: BenjyKellom@aol.com ; mcg.hcgk@verizon.net

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:12 PM

Subject: Senior Tax Relief Report

Dear Bill and Debbie:

Attached is Ben's Report for this afternoon's meeting. All three of our printers are inkless. Could you please bring him a copy?

Bill -- you may have already heard from Mary Catherine Gibbs concerning the membership issue. At the Commission for Women meeting on Tuesday, she mentioned that the issue was whether our representative would be a voting member or not. We are going to request that it be a voting member.

We already have an eager volunteer for the position, so we hope it goes through quickly

Susan Kellom
Personal Assistant to Benjy K

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