

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

March 7, 2025 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

Join by Zoom:

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AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order:** 9am
- II. **Roll Call:** Present – Ballard, Larson, Gress, Thompson, Herzig, Astrein, McKinney, Foreman, Litten. Excused – Reynolds, Green, Somerville
- III. **Public Participation:** **Monica Prince** – States that the County Commissioners would like a statement from COA about the millage. Somerville Townhall in Ypsi at end of March. Wanting more input from community members. American Society on Aging has a webinar Thursday 3/13/25 1pm-2pm on age friendly community design.
- IV. **Commission Response to Public Participation:** Thompson – a response has been sent to the county on the Senior Millage. Gress forwarded the comments to Ashley Hall and relevant Commissioners. Hall – Commissioners are working on scheduling a meeting to review the notes. Larson – Subcommittee offered to meet with Commissioners to review the response. Commissioners are also scheduling town halls in their areas.
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – February 7, 2025 McKinney, Larson 0918
- VI. **Discussion Items**
 - a. **Presentation** – Jim Mangi (703-395-3824) – Dementia Friendly Saline: Helping persons with dementia-related diseases, along with their caregivers to continue living fulfilling lives. Working with communities, organizations, and individuals to create a friendly community for those living with dementia.
 - i. Astrein: wondering if there is an issue moving forward with political environment. Mangi – not getting worse, it was already bad.
 - ii. Thompson: Would just that the millage dollars would be able to expand the wonderful successful program to meet people where they are
 - iii. Foreman: Training portion is something agreed about supporting and expanding to help increase volunteer pool as well as awareness of the disease process.
 - b. **Subcommittee Discussion** – restructuring subcommittees and volunteering to participate
 - i. **Communications** – Gress, Litten
 - ii. **Future Planning** – Herzig, Astrein, Reynolds
 - iii. **Townhall** – McKinney, Litten, Foreman, Astrein

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- iv. **Millage Workgroup** – Larson, Astrien, Green, Foreman, Thompson, Ballard
 - 1. Attended Commissioner Hodge’s Town hall. They had the opportunity to introduce themselves and the COA. Millage was explained on how it worked. Discussion on home repair, diversity, access to food security and transportation, homelessness, and being able to stay home. Discussion on how to move forward and work closer with the Board of Commissioners.
- VII. **Report from the Board of Commissioners** ([Upcoming Meetings](#))
- VIII. **Report from the Chair** – Continues to reach out to the Board of Commissioners to obtain ARPA updates
- IX. **New Business**
- X. **Setting Next Meeting** – April 4, 2025
- XI. **Adjournment** Moved: Reynolds, Seconded: Herzig 11am

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