



City of Richmond Aging & Disabilities Advisory Board (ADAB)

**Annual Presentation to City of Richmond
Education & Human Services**

Standing Committee

June 14, 2018

Presented by

Charles O. Barker, Chairman

Aging & Disabilities Advisory Board Members

Charles Barker, Chairman - Senior Citizen Representative
6th & 7th City Council Districts

Maureen Eberhardt, Vice Chairman – Individual with a Disability
3rd City Council District

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8th City Council District

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5th City Council District

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1st City Council District

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4th City Council District

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Timothy Nesselrodt- Business Representative
2nd City Council District

Gabrielle Bibb – Individual with a Disability
9th City Council District

Purpose

The purpose of the Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board (ADAB) is described in Section 2-1068 (A) of Ordinance 2011-150-158:

The board shall provide advice and recommendations to City Council on matters concerning senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

The board shall also:

- Provide a report of the board's advice and recommendations as required by this subsection and upon the request of City Council.

Purpose

- The board shall develop and make available for public comments an assessment of the local needs and priorities for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.
- The board shall provide other assistance and advice to local government as may be requested.
- The board shall also work with the community to develop and increase access to consumer-oriented and community based services for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

Goals

- Create opportunities to educate the public about the needs of senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, and the effects of anticipated population changes
- Seek input on a broad range of community livability needs, assets and services
- Identify community stakeholders with an interest in jointly developing community goals affecting senior citizens and individuals with disabilities
- Make recommendations to City Council based on community assessment

ADAB Community Impact

- Created an email system agingdisabilitybd@richmondgov.com in addition to the senior/disability helpline **(804.646.1082)**, to provide citizens with a more convenient method of accessing the ADAB with questions and concerns
- ADAB emails are responded to within 48 hours by a dedicated team of board members. Approximately 140 requests for assistance are received monthly.
- The board has identified over 60 community resource providers to support requests for assistance by senior citizens and individuals with disabilities

ADAB Community Impact

- ADAB members visited each of the nine City Council Districts to assess the accessibility of neighborhood businesses, serving as Virginia Lottery retail outlets.
- Virginia Lottery mandates accessibility of businesses selling Virginia Lottery products by providing access to all customers
- Businesses were visited to identify the following:
 - Ease of entrance i.e., wheelchair ramps, curb cuts, etc.
 - Ease of mobility in the business
 - Accessibility of restrooms
 - Policy in meeting the needs of customers requiring special accommodations

ADAB Community Impact

- Findings will be compiled and shared with Virginia Lottery and City Council for review and enforcement if necessary.
- ADAB proposed recommendations to add interpretive services, for the deaf and hard of hearing during City Council meetings as requested. Major city events such as the State of the City Address should include an Interpreter.
- ADAB member accepted the challenge from the community to identify new and gently used adaptive equipment from the Free Foundation. This includes walkers, stair lifts, rollators, shower chairs, wheelchairs, Depends, etc. In addition, this resource can provide assistance with both manual and motorized wheelchair repairs.

ADAB Community Impact

- ADAB members are actively participating in the development of the Richmond 300 Master Plan to provide input on the needs of senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. This will include housing and parking for individuals with disabilities.
- ADAB Chairman sponsored a citywide Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway for 127 seniors and families, based on needs from persons contacting OAPD for assistance. Assisting in the delivery of the baskets were representatives from the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire and Emergency Services, and OAPD staff.

Future ADAB Projects

- ADAB to conduct SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis regarding senior/disability livability in each of the nine council districts.
- ADAB to assist in the development of Strategic Aging and Disabilities Plan for the City of Richmond
- ADAB to collaborate with the Office of Community Wealth Building to identify employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Annual Disability Fair – October 2018

Richmond Aging & Disabilities Advisory Board Meetings

Meeting Dates: First Thursday of each month
(Excluding July and August)

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

Location: Richmond Police Academy
1202 West Graham Road
Richmond, VA 23220

Or

Email Concerns To: agingdisabilitybd@richmondgov.com

Or

Senior/Disability Helpline 804.646.1082

For Special Accommodations Call 804.646.5823

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