



# **City of Richmond Aging & Disabilities Advisory Board (ADAB)**

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

**May 2, 2019**

**Presented by**

**Charles Barker, Chairman & Kim Adams, Vice Chair**

# Aging & Disabilities Advisory Board Members

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# 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 older adults 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 older adults 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 older adults and individuals with disabilities.

# Goals

- ❖ Create opportunities to educate the public about the needs of older adults 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 older adults and individuals with disabilities
- ❖ Make recommendations to City Council based on community assessment

# ADAB Community Impact

- ❖ Created an email system [agingdisabilitybd@richmondgov.com](mailto: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 24 hours by a dedicated team of board members. Approximately 60-80 requests for assistance are received weekly.
- ❖ ADAB has identified over 60 community resource providers to support requests for assistance by older adults and individuals with disabilities

# ADAB Community Impact

- ❖ The ADAB has conducted 9 board meetings during the timeframe from September 2018 to May 2019
- ❖ In March 2019, the meeting location moved from the Richmond Police Training Academy to Goodwill of Central Virginia, located at 6301 Midlothian Turnpike, due to increase use of the police training academy by police personnel

# ADAB Community Impact

- ❖ A sampling of monthly topics and presenters consist of the following :
  - Alzheimer's Association
  - Office of the Attorney General
  - Greater Richmond Transit Company
  - City of Richmond Finance-Tax Relief for the Elderly & Disabled
  - Goodwill of Greater Richmond
  - City of Richmond Office Emergency Management
  - City of Richmond Planning & Development Review - Richmond 300: Master Plan
  - City of Richmond Office of the Treasurer
  - Dominion Energy
  - McGuire VA Medical Center



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- ❖ A sampling of monthly topics and presenters consist of the following :
  - Amramps
  - Virginia Department for the Blind & Vision Impaired
  - Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority
  - Greater Richmond AgeWave
  - Rebuilding Together
  - Humana
  - United Healthcare
  - Innovage PACE
  - City of Richmond Department of Social Services
  - Adult Services, Adult Protective Services & Homeless Services
  - Virginia Department of Aging & Rehabilitative Serv.
  - Medicare & Medicaid

# ADAB Community Impact

- ❖ Connected meeting attendees, helpline and email inquiries to services to meet their needs based on resources acquired through board meetings
- ❖ Identified and investigated alternative transportation providers for individuals with disabilities and older adults. Since transportation remains a huge barrier for both populations
- ❖ Created a list of transportation providers that have shared with the board and meeting attendees services to support older adults and individuals with disabilities
  - UZURV - Care on Demand
  - Ride Connections
  - Lyft
  - GRTC Care Service
  - Uber
  - Richmond Ambulance Authority

# ADAB Community Impact

- ❖ Provided input regarding new handicap parking stations and fees
- ❖ Identified funding for the Mayor's Annual Centenarian Celebration
- ❖ Identified resources to conduct a Veterans Law Day for veterans and their spouses
- ❖ Provided Thanksgiving baskets to 50 older adults and individuals with disabilities
- ❖ Advocated for additional staffing for the Office on Aging & Persons with Disabilities

# Future ADAB Project

- ❖ ADAB to conduct SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis regarding senior/disability livability in each of the nine council districts
- ❖ Assist in the development of the City of Richmond's Aging and Disabilities Strategic Plan
- ❖ Explore opportunities to create engagement of young adults 18 – 25 years of age with physical and sensory disabilities

## Richmond Aging & Disabilities Advisory Board Meetings

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

**Time:** 10:00 am – Noon

**Location:** Goodwill of Central Virginia  
6301 Midlothian Turnpike  
Richmond, VA 23235

Or

**Email Concerns To:** [agingdisabilitybd@richmondgov.com](mailto:agingdisabilitybd@richmondgov.com)

Or

**Senior/Disability Helpline 804.646.1082**

**For Special Accommodations Call 804.646.5823**

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