



Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

Housing, Aging and Health Agenda

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 435 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA

The number of older persons in the region and indeed worldwide are at record levels and are continuing to expand. In 2000, 1 in every 10 Atlanta regional residents was older than 60 years of age and is expected to double to 1 in 5 residents by 2030. In the last 100 years, life expectancy has soared from the early 40s to the mid-80s. An aging population brings unique opportunities and none are more important than having a sufficient stock of affordable, accessible housing with adequate supports to promote a quality and independent life. The forum will provide the opportunity to dialogue with nationally recognized experts in health care and advocacy programs for low income families, seniors, and special needs populations. This is a chance for housing developers, policymakers and health and social services providers to explore ways that they can work together to better serve vulnerable populations.

M. Scott Ball, Principal, Commons Planning

Scott has over 25 years of experience in architecture, planning, and housing development in private, non-profit, and public sectors. Scott has been actively engaged in the promotion of the independent living and health of aging citizens, and has authored "Livable Communities For Aging Populations: Urban Design for Longevity", the "Aging In Place Tool Kit" and "Lifelong Communities: A Regional Guide to Growth and Longevity" for the Atlanta Regional Commission, as well as co-authored the "Land-use and Public Health Toolkit" for the National Association of Local Boards of Health. Prior to his work with Commons, Scott served as Senior Project Manager with Duany Plater-Zyberk Architects and Town Planners (DPZ). where he managed planning and zoning code projects throughout the nation. From 2006 to 2009, Scott served as The Louisiana Road Home Program's Director of Rebuilding and Construction Assistance for ICF International where he helped stand up Louisiana's \$11 billion hurricane recovery program for homeowners.

For the past 15 years, **Nancy Rockett Eldridge** has been Executive Director of Cathedral Square Corporation (CSC) growing the nonprofit from 11 affordable communities to 28. Under Nancy's leadership CSC developed Vermont's first Medicaid funded assisted living residence, several multigenerational communities, shared housing, numerous tax credit funded senior housing communities, and a number of communities for younger people with special needs. She pioneered the Support And Services at Home (SASH) initiative currently operating at 115 congregate housing sites across Vermont. Nancy obtained her Master's Degree in Urban and Environmental Policy at Tufts University and later completed an Executive Education program at Harvard University. She has served as Vermont's Director of Housing, Director of Governmental Relations for the Vermont Medical Society, and Director of the Office of Primary Care at the UVM College of Medicine playing an instrumental role in creating the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program.

9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - Welcome & Introductions- Bill Bolling, Atlanta Community Food Bank

9:35 a.m. - Setting the Context – Scott Ball

10:05 a.m. – A Profile of the Cathedral Square Corporation's Business and Operations Model for Housing and Services Communities – Nancy Rockett Elridge

10:45 a.m. – Discussion - The balance of the program will be dedicated to a dialogue among speakers and Forum attendees.

11:45 a.m. - Adjourn

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