

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the November 7, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. in room 54 of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

SAB members present: Susan Asburty, Gene Dunaway, Delores Moyer, Elizabeth Batchelor, Marty Adler-Jasny, Pat Gengozian, and Robert Smallridge.

SAB members absent: Alfred Skyberg, Hal Schmitt

Also present: Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager, Oak Ridge Senior Center.

VISITORS: Janice Johnson, ETHRA Senior Nutrition Program as well as several other users of the Senior Center and community members totaling 22 people.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting were approved with correction.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The November Calendar of Activities was distributed and monthly activities were reviewed.
- 2.) Last week the Senior Center had the annual 9-Ball Pool tournament. There were 22 participants some from as far away as Knoxville and Maryville.
- 3.) There was a Drivers Safety class held last week that served 16 people.
- 4.) This week we have a day trip to the Knoxville Zoo on Wednesday as well as our Veteran's Day Pancake Brunch on Friday. Please check in the main office for sign ups.
- 5.) There will be a lunch and learn with Riggs Drugs on how to save money on pharmacy and medical supplies on November 16th at noon. Please sign up in the office to be counted for lunch.
- 6.) Also City Manager Mark Watson will meet with the Senior Advisory Board on November 21st at 1:30 p.m. to further discuss the move to the Civic Center and to answer questions.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board discussed issues about getting the word out to seniors about the move to the Civic Center by the end of the year. Chairperson Liz Batchelor mentioned the possibility of a newspaper insert or mass mailing with the information on it. Other ideas brought up by board members and members of the audience were flyers in the meals delivered to the home bound and taken to areas like pharmacies that are frequented by senior citizens. Channel 12 was also mentioned as well as a banner that could be hung outside the Senior Center for people to see that says "We're Moving". Another idea was to have yard signs made up that could be posted much the same way as candidate signs are posted during the election.

Several seniors also raised concerns about access into the building at the Civic Center for non-mobile seniors. Several ideas such as more parking and a drop off area were put forth as well.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. to be continued at 1:30 p.m. on November 21st.

Submitted by


Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager


Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson