

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the November 21, 2016 Meeting
(Continuation of November 7, 2016 Meeting)

The meeting was called back to order at 1:35 p.m. in room 54 of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

SAB members present: Susan Asbury, Gene Dunaway, Elizabeth Batchelor, Marty Adler-Jasny, Pat Gengozian, Hal Schmitt, Alfred Skyberg, and Robert Smallridge.

SAB members absent: Delores Moyer

Also present: City Manager Mark Watson, Recreation and Parks Director Jon Hetrick, and 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 60 people.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The meeting was called back to order as a continuation of the November 7, 2016 Senior Advisory Board Meeting. Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor introduced City Manager Mark Watson to discuss the move with the board in more depth.

Mr. Watson discussed some of the history of the Senior Center project beginning 8 years prior with a resolution of intent passed by City Council to build a new facility for our seniors. At which time a lease was entered into between the City of Oak Ridge and Anderson County Government to lease the building for \$5170 per month and then at the end of the term be able to purchase the building for \$1. At the end of the lease period it was decided to extend the lease for 3 years with the same option at the end of the extension. However, Anderson County Government has decided to use the existing Daniel Arthur Building as a home for the General Sessions Court currently located on the Oak Ridge Turnpike as well as a place to house court records.

After much work and deliberation on the part of the Senior Advisory Board it was decided that the Civic Center location was the best place to house a new senior center. The City of Oak Ridge currently has an architectural company on retainer and will begin work on the new center design very soon. In the meantime the Senior Center operations would be moved to the Civic Center wing near the Indoor Pool area on a temporary basis.

There were many community members that commented on how hard it would be to get non mobile seniors into and out of the Civic Center as well as other worries about scheduling activities both for the senior center and also for other groups. Mr. Watson assured board and community members that the staff was taking all these issues into consideration and would be working to make sure things go as smoothly as possible. Mr. Watson also gave a possible time table of 18 months for the new center to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Submitted by


Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager


Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson