

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the April 3, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. in the club room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center by Chairperson Pat Gengozian.

SAB members present: Marty Adler-Jasny, Pat Gengozian, Paul Smiddy, Lisa Plante, Gene Dunaway, Robert Smallridge, Delores Moyer, and Alfred Skyberg..

SAB members absent: Jackie Nichols, Susan Asbury, and Hal Schmitt.

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

VISITORS: Jacene Phillips with Studio 4 Design, Jon Hetrick Recreation and Parks Director, Bruce Applegate Assistant to the City Manager, and James Lewis.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the March 6th meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The April Calendar of Activities was distributed. The Senior Center will be closed on April 8th until noon for the City Egg Hunt and all day on April 14th and 15th for the Easter Holiday.
- 2.) Don't forget that taxes are due this month. Help is available at the VITA site at 320 Robertsville Road. The hours are Tuesday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.
- 3.) The City of Oak Ridge Employees and School Employees are having a Wellness Fair on April 5th from noon to 5 p.m. It is open to anyone in the community to come by and receive health screenings and other information.
- 4.) The Senior Center will be offering two day trips this month. The first is to Senior Day at the Smokies Stadium on April 18th. The cost is \$25 and covers brunch at the stadium, transportation, and the game ticket. The second trip is to the Island in Pigeon Forge on April 27th. The cost is \$3 and covers the cost of transportation only. Lunch will be on your own.
- 5.) There will be a "Spring Check Up" Lunch and Learn sponsored by Brookdale Senior Living on April 19th at noon. Call the office to reserve a spot.
- 6.) The 3rd Annual Bill Attkisson Memorial 8-ball Tournament will be held on April 26th beginning at 9 a.m. The cost is \$12 and must be made by April 19th.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jacene Phillips with Studio 4 Design presented four location possibilities for a Senior Center to be located on the Civic Center site. She reviewed each option with pros and cons of each one. Board members asked questions regarding the cost effectiveness, how parking could be handled, accessibility to the current Civic Center amenities, etc. for each option. The board also asked for direction for what was needed from them now and what the time table for the next steps will be. Recreation and Parks Director Jon Hetrick said that the board should chose an option and make a recommendation to City Council on which site to move forward with. Then geo-tech studies could be performed on the site once City Council approves the recommendation.

The discussion was opened to the public and citizen James Lewis commented that he thought the whole area at the Civic Center was to swampy and the building needed to be built elsewhere. Chairperson Pat Gengozian explained that the site had been chosen for specific reasons. One of which was that it was city owned property but it also had access to many other city amenities such as the library, swimming pool, and gym.

After much discussion between board members, board member Gene Dunaway made a motion to adjourn and call a special meeting on April 10th at 9:00 a.m. This would give time for members to adequately consider the options and make a well informed vote. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson