

APPROVED

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 in the meeting room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

ECAB members present: Elizabeth Batchelor, Lynne Burchell, Gene Dunaway, LeRoy Gilliam, Dave McCoy, William Pryor, Alfred Skyberg, Robert Smallridge, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: James Gillespie.

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

VISITORS: Janice Johnson, Cherie Phillips, and Anne Garcia-Garland.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

There were no citizens to bring items not on the agenda.

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

1. Copies of the Senior Center April Calendar of events were distributed and reviewed.
2. The AARP Drivers Safety Class has been changed to April 30th and May 1st.
3. Tax assistance preparation continues until April 14th. We still have appointments available.
4. The walking group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on April 22nd at the Oak Ridge Marina to walk for about an hour weather permitting.
5. We are starting some new activities in the recreation room this month. We will be having a Ladies Day in the Recreation Room on April 8th and also a Date Night on April 24th.
6. There will be a Lunch and Learn about Personal Safety on April 23rd. There is still space available so sign up in the office.
7. There is an 8-ball Tournament on April 25th in the Recreation Room. Cost to participate is \$12 or cost for lunch only is \$5.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

No recent actions were reported.

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gene Dunaway discussed two properties that he looked at as options to move the senior center if staying at the DARC building is not an option. He looked at 765 Emory Valley Road which is for rent but could possibly be looked at to purchase and also 100 Adams Road which is available for purchase. There were different attributes to each one but Mr. Dunaway mentioned that the Adams Road property was surrounded on 3 sides by other city owned property. He also mentioned the old Armory building but said that the YAB was looking at it for a possible teen center.

Elizabeth Batchelor began a discussion about asking the City Manager to negotiate with Anderson County to extend the lease for DARC building that currently houses Senior Center operations passed the end date of December 2014. After some discussion with board members, the following motion was made:

The Senior Advisory board makes a motion to ask the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Anderson County to extend the current lease of the DARC building until the Emory Valley Center moves from the building or at least a period of one year or longer.

The motion was made by Alfred Skyberg and seconded by Wendy Williams with a unanimous passing vote by board members.

However, it was realized after the meeting that the motion should not have been voted on until it was advertised on the next month's meeting agenda so the motion will be placed on the May agenda to be voted on first thing.

NEW BUSINESS

Elizabeth Batchelor said she has talked to several area doctors and senior service providers regarding evaluating the Civic Center as an option for a senior center. She wanted to get a professional unbiased opinion on the matter. She also asked other board members to get opinions of people who use the Clinton Civic Center which is a dual use center. Robert Smallridge asked if there had been any official studies related to the moving of the Senior Center to the Civic Center. Ms. Batchelor said that she didn't believe there had been any that were official.

Lloyd Farrar from the Norris AARP Chapter asked the board to consider helping the group with a new program designed to help keep in touch with isolated senior citizens in our area. The program is to be called Call Chat. There would be a need for volunteers to both find the seniors who are isolated and to call them on a regular basis. There will be a meeting at the River View Café and Grill Saturday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m. to discuss this program with other potential volunteers. Alfred Skyberg agreed to represent the board at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AARP will be asking the candidates for Mayor and Sheriff of Anderson County to come and speak to the group at this month's meeting on April 17th at 1 p.m. They will each be able to speak for 5-10 minutes. Next month's meeting will be on

Alzheimer's disease. He also mentioned the Shell Station on Oak Ridge Turnpike now has handicap accessible gas pumps.

Oak Ridge Retired Teachers along with retired county teachers went to Nashville last Tuesday to speak with legislators about several important issues such as a voucher bill and elected superintendents.

NARFE will have a booth at the Secret City Festival to recruit more members. There are many on the books but not a lot show up to meetings. The next meeting will be on May 20th and the speaker will be a Retired Lt. Cornel who flew spy planes.

The Anderson County Office on Aging reported that Second Harvest served 92 seniors from the emergency food pantry. They are still out of funds for energy assistance but they were able to add 25 seniors to the congregate and home meal program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Elizabeth Batchelor, Chairperson