

APPROVED

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the December 2, 2013 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, Lee Roy Gilliam, William Pryor, Dave McCoy, Robert Smallridge, Gene Dunaway, and Lynne Burchell.

ECAB members absent: Margaret Gottshall, James Gillespie, Barbara Gunn and Alfred Skyberg.

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

VISITORS: Anne Garcia Garland

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the November 4, 2013 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 December Calendar of events were distributed and reviewed. The Senior Center will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on December 24th and 25th. We will also be closed on January 1st.
2. The Holiday Reception will be on Friday, December 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Covenant has again this year donated nice bags for our goodie bags and donations have also been made by many area businesses for door prizes and bingo prizes.
3. The Bingo Holiday Dinner will be held on December 10th at 5:15 p.m. The senior center will provide the meat and beverage as well as plates, cups and napkins. Everyone should bring a dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the main office.
4. The Recreation Room Luncheon will be held at 11:30 on December 13th. Bring a plate of finger foods to share.
5. We will be starting a Zumba Gold exercise class on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:30 – 10:30 beginning January 7th. It is a Latin dance inspired exercise program. The cost will be \$1 per session with no contracts or extra fees.
6. Our first ever Car Winterization event was a great success. With the help of Details Auto Care and Chucks Car Care we served around 40

seniors. We also were able to inform many people about the programs and activities that go on at the Senior Center.

7. There will be no congregate lunch at the Senior Center on Wednesdays until further notice. ETHRA has run out of funds for the program until either more donations come in or the new budget year begins.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

No recent actions were reported.

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

Because there will be changes to fees at ORNL regarding paper statements, the foundation will be changing banks.

Also mentioned was that donations in memory of Minnie Thompson could be made to the foundation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Lee Roy Gilliam mentioned that he heard from someone on the Anderson County Commission that Gene Caldwell said the Emory Valley Center would be tearing down the building the senior center is in to rebuild for their purposes. He asked to have someone from the City come and speak about what is going to happen to the senior center when the lease runs out at the end of December 2014.

Elizabeth Batchelor asked the group to be thinking about important issues facing senior citizens in the coming year that the board can work on. A partial list is as follows:

- Banking issues for seniors
- Telephone issues
- Changes in Hospital Polices
- Transportation issues

Also Lynne Burchell mentioned that the coldest part of the winter is coming and to be watchful of seniors you know.

William Pryor asked about having someone from the City come and speak about the new land bank and how it effects senior citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Lee Roy Gilliam mentioned the new ETHRA buses that have been added to service.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager