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SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the December 7, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the meeting room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

ECAB members present: Susan Asbury, Marty Adler-Jasny, Elizabeth Batchelor, Alfred Skyberg, Robert Smallridge, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: Gene Dunaway, LeRoy Gilliam, Delores Moyer, William Pryor, and Hal Schmitt.

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

VISITORS: Pat Gengozian and Charles LaLoggia

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting were approved with correction to members present.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The December Calendar of activities was distributed. The Senior Center will be closed for the Holidays December 24th – 26th as well as January 1st.
- 2.) The Senior Center Holiday Reception was held on Friday, December 4th. There were lots of hard work from staff and volunteers and many prize donations from the community. The attendance was 144.
- 3.) The Bingo Holiday dinner will be held tomorrow night on December 8th at 5:15 p.m. The Senior Center provides the meat and drinks and everyone brings a side or dessert.
- 4.) The Recreation Room Holiday Lunch will be held on this Friday, December 11th at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a plate of finger food and have a good time with us.
- 5.) The visit to the new Karns Senior Center will be on Thursday, December 10th. Please meet at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. to car pool or feel free to meet us at the Center at 10:00 a.m.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board member Robert Smallridge, who was assigned to the site committee at the previous meeting, reported that he had meet with Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee to discuss his assignment in general terms. He also mentioned that he was going to meet with the City Manager to get some more information as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor mentioned that she was going to meet with the City Mayor involving getting new members on the board and other concerns about city boards and committees. She also said that the Anderson County Commission was looking at moving the court functions presently being held at the Tunnell building, to this location, the Daniel Arthur Rehabilitation Building in which the Senior Center as well as the Emory Valley Center is located.

Elizabeth Batchelor then asked for input from board members as to what they felt the main purpose of the Senior Advisory Board should be to work for a new building for the Senior Center or to work for Senior issues in the community. Citizen Pat Gengozian said that she believes that both of those issues go hand in hand. Board member Robert Smallridge said to look at the charter for the board and that it is much broader than just a Senior Center. Board member Susan Asbury said that she feels the board needs to encompass both as well and needs to report back to city council on a regular basis. Board member Wendy Williams said that as things stand with nothing getting done she feels helpless. She also asked if it would be possible to have a City Council person appointed to our board. Board member Marty Adler-Jasny responded that the board has the role to be responsive to city council or city staff when they have questions. She also mentioned the need to formally request a better platform from which to work. Board member Alfred Skyberg said that communication between the board, city council and other seniors is one of the biggest issues faced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson