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## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the February 1, 2016 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, Gene Dunaway, Pat Gengozian, Hal Schmitt., Alfred Skyberg, Robert Smallridge, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: Delores Moyer.

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

VISITORS: Charles LaLoggia and Andrew Girard.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

### **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

None

### **REPORTS**

#### SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The February Calendar of Activities was distributed. The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day.
- 2.) The Senior Center will be sponsoring a new program entitled "Tech Tuesday." The first Tuesday of each month a person from a local computer store will be available for drop in questions from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tomorrow's helper will be from Tech Stop Downtown West in Knoxville.
- 3.) The Senior Center is also partnering with ETHRA to offer tablet classes to those seniors who need more in depth help with technology. Call the main desk to be put on the waiting list for new classes beginning in March.
- 4.) There will be two lunch and learns held this month. The first will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon about Brain Health. The second will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at noon about Department of Labor Benefits. Please call the main desk to sign up for either program or both.
- 5.) AARP Income Tax Assistance will begin on February 8<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost for those 50 and older but you must call the front desk to make an appointment at 425-3999.
- 6.) Our Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Ice cream sundaes will be served and our guitar group will play romantic music. Call to reserve a space.

- 7.) The Senior Center's first chili cook off will be held on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Come out and enter your favorite recipe or just come have eat with us and warm up.
- 8.) AARP Drivers Safety Program will be held on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

## RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

## OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

Elizabeth Batchelor mentioned calling a meeting of the Foundation to elect officers but did not set an exact date or time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Gene Dunaway gave a handout with information about a Friday lunch opportunity at Calvary Baptist Church at 1902 Raccoon Valley Road. The lunch is open for anyone 60 and older who lives within a 15 mile radius of the Church. Call Louise at 947-2192 for more information.

Robert Smallridge spoke about the site committee he had been placed on. Mr. Smallridge said he had spoken with City Manager Mark Watson to get an idea of what he was thinking so the board can make a better plan to move forward. He also spoke with Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee about needs faced by the center. He then spoke with Recreation and Parks Director Jon Hetrick on space at the Civic Center and other considerations. He mentioned the 2011 Feasibility Study by Studio 4 came up with a total of between 8,000 and 12,000 square feet. Another board member mentioned that the Karns Center was around 8,000 square feet for an idea of space. Board member Marty Adler-Jasny asked Mr. Smallridge what the City Manager thought? He replied that he felt there was a responsibility to the seniors and that he seemed to favor the Civic Center site being that it is more centralized in location, near to other amenities such as the pool, library, gym, etc. and that there wouldn't be an acquisition cost. Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor asked about other sites that had been considered. Mr. Smallridge mentioned the Emory Valley site as well. Board member Hal Schmitt also mentioned having spoken with the City Manager on the subject and the manager said that the Senior Advisory Board needed to formulate specifics with cost estimates that can be brought to City Council. Hal asked that the following motion be made before the board. "Set as an objective to come up with a specific plan to present to City Council and the City Manager for an upgraded Senior Center with a plan to be developed and presented at the March meeting." The motion was seconded by Pat Gengozian and passed unanimously. Hal also mentioned that a professional approach should be taken with a project manager, timeline, and a calendar with dates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Under new business, Chair Person Elizabeth Batchelor asked for input from board members to the yearly work plan. Marty Adler-Jasny mentioned the need for a list of food pantries for seniors to get help as well as a list of transportation options. Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee said that there is a list of transportation options in the front office. Elizabeth decided to continue with the work plan on the next month's agenda as well as move the officer election to March.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Submitted by

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Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

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Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson