

APPROVED

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the February 2, 2015 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: Marty Adler-Jasny, Elizabeth Batchelor, LeRoy Gilliam, Delores Moyer, William Pryor, Hal Schmitt, Alfred Skyberg, Robert Smallridge, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: Gene Dunaway and Susan Asbury.

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

VISITORS: Janice Johnson, ETHRA Senior Nutrition Program and Billy Bates, President of the Oak Ridge AARP Chapter.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were approved

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

1. Copies of the Senior Center February Activities Calendar were disturbed. The center will be closed for Presidents Day on February 16th. Please Remember to call the Senior Center Office before coming if the weather is bad.
2. There is an AARP Drivers Training Class scheduled for February 4th and 5th from 9:30 to 1:30 each day. There is still space available. The cost is \$15 for AARP Members and \$20 for Non-members.
3. Our Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, February 12th from 3:30 – 5:00 in the Gym. Ice cream sundaes will be served and our guitar group will be playing romantic music for us. There is no cost but we need sign ups in the office to know how much ice cream we will need.
4. There will be a Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, February 11th at noon on Preventing Falls. There is no cost but sign up is required. Please call the office at 425-3999.
5. AARP Income Tax Assistance for Seniors begins on February 9th. Appointments can be made for all Mondays until April 13th. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

Signing of the new 5 year lease for the Senior Center to use space at the present location has been moved to the February Council Meeting.

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The community garden issue was discussed briefly at this meeting. Linda McGhee, Senior Center Manager reported that the county had been contacted about using outside space for this purpose. The county was fine with this depending on the lease renewal with the city. Board members mentioned that there should be some grants available and at least some of the work could be done by Boy Scouts when the time comes.

Elizabeth Batchelor asked for Board members to be ready to nominate a Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the next meeting.

Elizabeth also discussed how to reach Seniors in the area to gather needs information. She mentioned having some sort of quarterly newsletter from the City would help with this. Marty Adler-Jasny also mentioned the Visions paper that is directed mailed to all homes as another option to get information out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Chief Akagi will be speaking at the February AARP meeting regarding scams in our area that target seniors. The meeting is the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Elizabeth Batchelor mentioned the Yellow Dot Program in Tennessee and how although it is meant to be a help to seniors and others with medical issues, it can actually hurt them by providing the information to others that they are an easy target.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson