

# SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the craft room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center by Vice Chairperson Robert Smallridge.

SAB members present: Marty Adler-Jasny, Jackie Nichols, Paul Smiddy, Lisa Plante, Gene Dunaway, Robert Smallridge, and Susan Asbury.

SAB members absent: Alfred Skyberg, Delores Moyer, Hal Schmitt, and Pat Gengozian.

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

VISITORS: City Council Person Chuck Hope

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> 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 February 20<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day.
- 2.) The Senior Center opened at the new location on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> with a Chili Cook off. There was approximately 70 people in attendance and a good time was had by all.
- 3.) Income Tax Assistance was cancelled by the AARP for this year. They couldn't find a person to be our site coordinator. The other option for income tax help here in Oak Ridge is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). VITA works on a first come, first serve basis and does not accept appointments. They are located at the Trinity Outreach Center at 320 Robertsville Road. The hours of operation are Tuesday – Friday from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

### RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee reported on the move to the Civic Center and issues that are still pending. The golf cart to help transport people from the parking lot is on order but not yet received. It will hopefully be here in the next couple of weeks. The company came in last week to install the handicapped door opener but the manufacturer sent the wrong motor and they will have to send it back on wait on the correct one to come. Linda also mentioned that Pat Fallon, from the City of Oak Ridge Public Works Department, said that they would paint in 3 to 4 more handicapped spaces in the library parking lot but would have to wait on the weather to improve.

Several Board members made comments about the building and the Senior Center area. Board member Marty Adler-Jasny mentioned that she would like to see a daily program in the entrance area of the Senior Center and also would like the rooms close to the Senior Area left unlocked like they were at the Daniel Arthur Building. Manager Linda McGhee responded that the staff had been considering ways to make the entrance more inviting and would continue to do so. She also mentioned that the rooms were not isolated to only Senior Center participants as they were in the other building and that rooms would have to remain locked. If someone wanted to use a room, then they could check with the Senior Center office and a staff person would unlock it if it was not rented. Board member Lisa Plante mentioned that smoking by center participants would have to be monitored to keep smoke away from the entrance areas to the building. Board member Gene Dunaway reminded the manager that someone would need to take down the green road signs labeled "Senior Center" that were at the Daniel Arthur Building site.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The new business for the meeting was to elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for the new calendar year. A discussion was held between board members as to who would be willing to serve in these spots for the new year. Linda McGhee mentioned that although member Pat Gengozian was absent today for sickness, she had called and mentioned to McGhee that she would be willing to serve as chairperson if needed. Board member Susan Asbury made a motion to elect Pat Gengozian as chairperson for the year. The motion was seconded by Marty Adler-Jasny. The vote passed unanimously with the members present. As for vice chairperson, a motion was made by Ms. Asbury to continue with Robert Smallridge as the vice chairperson again this year. The motion was seconded by Marty Adler-Jasny. Mr. Smallridge agreed to the term and the motion passed by unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Submitted by

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Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

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Robert Smallridge, Board Vice Chairperson