The meeting was called to order at 9:34 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, Delores Moyer, Hal Schmitt, and Alfred Skyberg,

ECAB members absent: Robert Smallridge and Wendy Williams.

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

VISITORS: Charles LaLoggia

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

1.) The January Calendar of activities was distributed. The Senior Center was closed on January 1st and will be closed on January 18 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
2.) A Lunch and Learn on Hearing Loss and Phone Communication will be held on January 11th at noon. Please sign up in the office so we will have an accurate lunch count.
3.) The office will begin taking appointments for the AARP Income Tax Assistance program on January 19th. The appointments will be every Monday beginning February 8th and continuing until April 11th.
4.) Guitar and Banjo Lesson will resume on January 9th at 9:00 a.m. for Guitar and 1:00 p.m. for Banjo.
5.) It’s the time of year for resolutions to be healthier so make sure to check out all our exercise options for 2016 at the Senior Center.
6.) The Senior Center now has public Wi-Fi available in our building. If you have any issues connecting, please see center staff.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None
OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor mentioned that she had not yet had an opportunity to speak with the Mayor but will as soon as she can. She also spoke about the visit to the Karns Senior Center in December. One of the main topics of discussion was the dividable space that is available there and how useful it is to the users of the center.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor mentioned that there will be an agenda item for next month to set a plan of work for the Senior Advisory Board for 2016. She passed around a handout regarding the work plan for 2015 and it was discussed by members. She encouraged members to bring ideas to the next meeting. One issue that was mentioned by several members was living situations for senior citizens. Of which whether or not to keep their homes when entering assisted living is a big question. Also mentioned by board member Pat Gengozian was the possibility of getting volunteers, such as Boy Scout groups, to help at the Senior Center.

On a separate note board member Marty Adler-Jasny asked if the board could give some sort of letter or certificate of service to outgoing board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Anderson County Senior Center is now open and is located behind Walgreens in Clinton. There will be an open house on Friday, January 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Submitted by

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Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

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Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson