

APPROVED SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the January 13, 2014 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: Elizabeth Batchelor, Lynne Burchell, Gene Dunaway, LeRoy Gilliam, William Pryor, Robert Smallridge, Wendy Williams

ECAB members absent: Alfred Skyberg, James Gillespie, David McCoy, and Barbara Gunn.

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

VISITORS: Stan Boling, Phil Longhurst, and Ann Stuck.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting were approved with changes.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

There were no citizens to bring items not on the agenda.

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

1. Copies of the Senior Center January Calendar of events were distributed and reviewed. The Senior Center will be closed on January 1st and 20th.
2. AARP Income Tax Assistance begins on February 3rd. Appointments will be taken for Mondays through April 14th starting on January 21st. Appointments can be made in person or by calling the office at 425-3999.
3. The Zumba Gold classes scheduled to start this month had to be cancelled due to complications with the instructors work schedule. However, we are still looking for a new instructor for the class.
4. AARP Drivers Safety class will be held on February 5th and 6th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day. The cost for the class has increase for the new year. It is now \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers.
5. New Senior Advisory Board Member rosters were disturbed.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

No recent actions were reported.

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

The foundation's bank account was moved to TN Bank due to lack of service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elizabeth Batchelor mentioned making temporary Board appointments for the position of 43 Club and for the AARP position.

Also items mentioned to go with the list of Senior Issues for this coming year were food shortages for senior citizens and the state of the Senior Center at the end of this coming year. Members were concerned that the City has not been informing the board of what will happen with the operations of the Senior Center when the lease expires in December of this year.

NEW BUSINESS

LeRoy Gilliam brought to attention the fact that the Senior Center's phone number is very hard to find on the main city website and on the Recreation and Parks department website. Linda McGhee, Senior Center Manager, told Mr. Gilliam to meet with her after the meeting to more directly show her the concerns and try to come up with a solution.

William Pryor asked if the Mayor had ever been asked to come and speak with the board. He also asked about the traffic pattern for the new Kroger Marketplace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Covenant Health has rasied \$130,000 to help the Senior Nutrition program towards its current budget shortfall.

There is a food truck at the Anderson County office on aging on Fridays and they need volunteers to help unload it each week.

Two of the AARP's biggest senior citizen issues for this year are hunger and walkable communities.

Anderson County ADA Oversight Board has been working to get the Clinton Community Center bathrooms up to code. Also the board will be tour the new jail expansion on January 31st to check for compliance.

NARFE will be having their luncheon meeting at the Double Tree on January 21st. Bill Roberson, a Vietnam veteran and prisoner for war, will be the speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager