

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the July 10, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the B room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center by Chairperson Pat Gengozian.

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

SAB members absent: Al Skyberg and Delores Moyer.

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

VISITORS: City Manager Mark Watson, Bruce Applegate, Director of Administrative Services for the City of Oak Ridge, Jacene Phillips of Studio 4 Design and many interested community members.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The July Calendar of Activities was distributed. The Senior Center was closed on July 4th.
- 2.) Our Bingo Potluck Picnic held on July 6th was attended by around 30 people.
- 3.) Our new P.E.P. Exercise class was a great success with more than 70 people attending the first day of class on July 6th. The class was split into two groups to be more manageable. Ray Pierce of Pierce Physical Therapy is sponsoring the class for free for area seniors.
- 4.) There are two lunch and learn opportunities scheduled for the month. Enrichment FCU will present about their travel program on July 12th and the Senior Center will present a class on using Amazon to make your life easier on July 26th. Both are scheduled for noon and a spot can be held by calling the office at (865) 425-3999.
- 5.) Senior Day at the Anderson County Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 19th beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be music, contests, and door prizes followed by ice cream at 1:30 p.m. Entrance is free for those 60 and older.
- 6.) The Field Trip this month will be the last chance to go to the 3rd Thursday event in downtown Knoxville. There are food trucks and live music. Cost is \$3

- to cover the cost of transportation. Dinner is on your own. We will be leaving the Civic Center at 4:30 p.m. and returning around 8 p.m. on July 20th.
- 7.) We have a diabetes support group meeting at the Senior Center on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Please pass the word to friends and family.
 - 8.) The AARP Drivers Safety course will be held next month on August 9th and 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Please sign up in the office to hold your space.
 - 9.) Also next month on August 2nd we will be having our first annual Senior Day at the Outdoor Pool. The pool will be open from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. with free admission for those 50 and older. Woodman Life will be sponsoring lunch and we will have music and door prizes.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jacene Phillips of Studio 4 Design presented a conceptual plan for the New Senior Center to be built near the Civic Center on the west side of the building. The design included a covered drop off entrance as well as a kitchen space, a billiards space, a large dividable meeting room, 6 smaller meeting rooms and a lounge space. The design also included a rear patio area with an overhang that would allow for outside space as well.

After Ms. Phillip's presentation, Board members praised her work and also made some comments about areas of the design and space usage. Chairperson Pat Gengozian made mention of space issues for storage having been a problem with the Karns design and making sure we take a good look at that for our building. There was also discussion from both board members and the public about having adequate space for billiards and for exercise.

City Manager Mark Watson spoke about the proposed budget amount of 2.2 million being less than the cost of the building as proposed in this first conceptual design. He also mentioned that the board must keep in mind that we will be building this to last for the next 50 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Robert Smallridge, Board Vice Chairperson