

APPROVED SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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, Dave McCoy, William Pryor, Alfred Skyberg, Robert Smallridge, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: James Gillespie.

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

VISITORS: Stan Boling, Phil Longhurst, Anne Garcia Garland, and Marge Swinson.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were approved.

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 March Calendar of events were distributed and reviewed.
2. AARP Free Income Tax Assistance continues at the Senior Center on Monday mornings. Spots are available but are filling up fast. Call the office for an appointment.
3. There will be a shopping trip to West Town Mall on March 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 and lunch will be on your own in the Food Court.
4. There are lunch meetings this month for the AARP and the Senior Citizens Club.
5. We have a pool tournament scheduled for April 25th. Cost is \$12.00 to participate or \$5.00 for lunch only.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

No recent actions were reported.

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave McCoy reported that he visited the City Manager Mark Watson the previous week and he said not to worry about the Senior Center, it would go on. He was just not sure where it would land.

Elizabeth Batchelor reported that she would be meeting with him today at 2:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Batchelor also reported that there are several steps that need to be taken by the Senior Advisory Board as it relates to the Senior Center. One is to show why the Civic Center is not a good option unless it is only a temporary one such as the expense to convert, no room for lunch program, etc. The second would be to find suitable locations to help the City Manager with options. The third was to start an active campaign to get people interested in having a new senior center.

Gene Dunaway mentioned that a building at 765 Emory Valley Road was for lease and that it had flexible space that may meet the needs of a senior center.

Robert Smallridge mentioned that it would be helpful to have a fact sheet of space needs for senior operations.

Anne Garcia Garland mentioned that Senior Advisory Board needed a plan as an alternate to Mr. Watsons. She said the county may be willing to help in some way. She also mentioned that the Board needed to face the fact that a new senior center is not going to be built anytime soon.

LeRoy Gilliam said to pay attention who you are voting for in this election year and that Anne Garica Garland is the only Council person who has been supportive of Seniors.

William Pryor asked if the Mayor was going to attend one of our Board meetings.

Marge Swinson asked how the county feels about a senior center and Elizabeth Batchelor replied that they are interested.

William Pryor asked about finding grants to build a new senior center.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LeRoy Gilliam said the AARP lost their long time printing company but that they were working with someone new. The cost of membership is going up from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year. This money helps cover the costs of printing, mailing, luncheon supplies, etc. The Chapter is also now advertising with Oak Ridge

Today to promote the next three monthly programs having to do with Alzheimer's.

Mr. Gilliam also mentioned ADA regulation phone meetings that are held on Mondays and the important to seniors of handicapped parking issues.

Retired teachers will meet the second Monday of the month here at the Senior Center in Room 54. There will also be a group of 40-50 going to Nashville to meet with legislators tomorrow.

William Pryor reported that the next meeting of NARFE would be Tuesday, March 18th at the Double Tree Hotel with Colleen Black speaking about the Manhattan Project days.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Elizabeth Batchelor, Chairperson