

# APPROVED

## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the May 5, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 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: Janice Johnson and Anne Garcia-Garland.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Minutes of the April 7, 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 May Calendar of events were distributed and reviewed.
2. The Walking Group will meet at the Civic Center at 9:00 am on May 20<sup>th</sup> to walk for about an hour. Check with desk as to weather issues.
3. Free chicken and dumpling lunch while it last on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
4. We are continuing the new activities in the Recreation Room with Ladies Day being on May 13<sup>th</sup> and lessons being held on the same day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up for these in the office. Couples night will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup> this month.
5. The Secret City Card and Game Party will be coming up June 27<sup>th</sup> at noon please sign up at the desk and plan to bring a plate of finger foods to share.
6. The Secret City Festival will be Friday and Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Early bird tickets for each night's concert can be purchased until May 30<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$18 each. After this the cost is \$20 each.

#### RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

No recent actions were reported.

#### OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Elizabeth Batchelor reported that she typed the memo regarding the motion to ask the City Manager to negotiate with Anderson County about staying at the DARC building location after the end of the lease in December and gave this memo to City Council member Charlie Hensley to give to the City Manager. She also mentioned looking for the plans for this building and discussing lease issues with county staff. Ms. Batchelor also spoke with Gene Caldwell, fundraiser for the Emory Valley Center, and he said that they haven't received all the funding they need as of yet so there will be a delay in their process for now. She mentioned asking City Council person Charlie Hensley to set up a meeting of all the tenants of the DARC building to discuss options. These tenants would include the City of Oak Ridge staff, Senior Advisory Board Members, Anderson County Government, the Emory Valley Center, and the Oak Ridge Montessori School. This would be to establish a timeline with definitive dates and a plan of action.

There was also a discussion about properties at 100 Adams Road and 765 Emory Valley Road as locations for the Senior Center should it need to move at some time in the future. Ms. Batchelor mentioned that tax producing property could not really be considered but that after the Emory Valley Center leaves the current DARC building a remodel to the building could be made. She said she spoke with architect Manny Hertz about the idea and he said that it could possibly be accomplished with a cost of around \$500, 000. Ms. Batchelor also mentioned using prison labor to help reduce costs to the project. However, it was also said to keep eyes open and looking for other properties as well as looking for fundraising opportunities.

Wendy Williams mentioned that the Board really doesn't have enough concrete information to make a good decision on options at the moment. Questions such as what money is available need to be answered.

City Council person Anne Garcia-Garland had the idea of picking a senior center that is currently successful and asking Council members to visit to better understand the possibilities for funding the construction of a new senior center. Board members decided to put this as an action item on the next month's agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Retired Teachers will not meet at the Senior Center on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month; they will instead meet for their yearly Scholarship Dinner.

The AARP will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. The program will be about Alzheimer's disease.

Elder Watch will have a booth at the Secret City Festival this year helping to promote Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by

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Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

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Elizabeth Batchelor, Chairperson