

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the May 6, 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 in the meeting room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

ECAB members present: Elizabeth Batchelor, Lynne Burchell, Gene Dunaway, James Gillespie, Margaret Gottshall Barbara Gunn, Lee Roy Gilliam, David McCoy, William Pryor and Alfred Skyberg.

ECAB members absent: Dave McCoy and Robert Smallridge.

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

VISITORS: Darryl Kerley, Oak Ridge Fire Department, and Lynne Parris.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

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

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda Jackson reported the following:

1. Copies of the Senior Center May Calendar of events were distributed and reviewed.
2. The Senior Center will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day.
3. A Volunteer Meet and Greet will be held on May 21st from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to encourage people to become volunteers here at the center. Light refreshments will be served.
4. We will be changing our Movie Days to Game Days because of Movie Licensing requirements. The 2nd and 4th Fridays will now be game days to play cards, board games, and the Wii. Refreshments will be served still.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

Elizabeth Batchelor reported that the City Council had approved the Bylaw changes for the board at the April 8th meeting.

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

Elizabeth Batchelor reported that the taxes for the Oak Ridge Senior Foundation had been filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was some discussion of Assisted Living and Nursing Home rates in Oak Ridge again and it was brought up that the Senior Directory that is available here at the Senior Center had some good information on this subject for the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Darryl Kerley, Oak Ridge Fire Chief, spoke about a new program here in Oak Ridge that can help to identify those who need extra help in case of an emergency. This could be a senior citizen or a person of any age with a disability. He gave out forms for information that SAB members could copy to get out to the general public about this program. The forms can be turned in to the Senior Center. The information given would be put into the 911 computer system to alert first responders to any special needs that the person might need. Mr. Kerley also gave information on other programs provided by the Oak Ridge Fire Department to help citizens in the city. The ORFD will check smoke alarms and change batteries as well as provide new alarms for those without them or if they aren't working. He also spoke about boxes outside the home that can hold a key or other information for paramedics. He also spoke about working on an alert system for community wide emergencies. Gene Dunaway asked if the ORFD inspects nursing homes. The Chief said that no, that was the responsibility of the State Fire Marshall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next AARP meeting will have information regarding nursing home care.

Liz Batchelor reported that the ElderWatch convention meeting would be on Hoarding and Don Dare would be a guest speaker. It will be May 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by


Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager