

APPROVED

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the October 5, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. in the meeting room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

ECAB members present: Marty Adler-Jasny, Elizabeth Batchelor, Delores Moyer, Hal Schmitt, Robert Smallridge, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: Susan Asbury, Gene Dunaway, LeRoy Gilliam, William Pryor, and Al Skyberg.

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

VISITORS: Charles LaLoggia

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The October Calendar of activities was distributed.
- 2.) The walking group will meet at the Civic Center on October 20th at noon to walk for about an hour weather permitting. Check will main desk for weather updates the day before.
- 3.) The October Lunch and Learn will be about employment and volunteer opportunities for Senior Citizens. It will be held at noon on October 21st. There is no cost for the lunch but you must sign up in the office by the day before for a meal count.
- 4.) The AARP Drivers Training course will be held on November 4th and 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.
- 5.) The Senior Center Fall Festival will be held on November 3rd beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served starting at 5:15 p.m. and will cost \$4.00. Please sign up in the office and come in your scariest costume.
- 6.) Passed out goals for the senior center to Board members and made reference specifically to the one goal on the list that directed the Senior Center to work with the Senior Advisory Board to create and implement a plan regarding a permanent location for the Oak Ridge Senior Center.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor continued the discussion about how to communicate with senior citizens and reviewed the areas already addressed such as churches and neighborhood watch. She also mentioned events as a way to give out information. She said she would like to have a dance possibly in February and a Senior Games Day at some time in the spring. She also mentioned a movie coming out next month called the "The Intern" that has age related issues in its plot. She wanted to ask the local theater to donate an amount per ticket to the Senior Foundation.

Board member Wendy Williams mentioned mass mailing as an option to getting information out to seniors but was not sure of the cost. Also mentioned were local TV stations 12 and 15.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor showed a diagram of Bissell Park at the Civic Center with her idea of where a senior center could be located at that site. At this point Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee followed up with the goal mentioned during the manager's report. She asked if committees could be formed to work on the different options that are available such as moving the center to a new location, purchasing the current location, or building a new location as ideas. Board member Delores Moyer said that surveying would be a good means of acquiring information from the community. Having booths at activities such as the Party in the Park, Secret City Festival, as well as mailing could reach people. Board Member Robert Smallridge mentioned the need to have concrete obtainable action steps to be taken seriously by City Council.

Delores Moyer made a motion to change the Board's monthly meeting time to 10:00 a.m. After some discussion, a time of 9:30 was agreed upon with a unanimous vote of present board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Party in the Park will be October 17th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Bissell Park. The Senior Center will have a table and Delores will help to come up with a survey to give out to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson