

APPROVED

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. in the meeting room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Elizabeth Batchelor.

ECAB members present: Susan Asbury, Marty Adler-Jasny, Elizabeth Batchelor, Gene Dunaway, LeRoy Gilliam, Hal Schmitt, Robert Smallridge, Alfred Skyberg, and Wendy Williams.

ECAB members absent: Delores Moyer and William Pryor.

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

VISITORS: ORPD Officer Brandon Sharp and Charles LaLoggia.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Charles LaLoggia, 95 Adams Lane, spoke to the board about a 501c3 that he is organizing to solicit donations to build or to remodel a building to house a senior center. He reported that the idea was to then present to the city to staff and run day to day operations. Board member Robert Smallridge stated that there was already an established 501c3, The Oak Ridge Senior Foundation. Board member Wendy Williams asked how Mr. LaLoggia planned to raise the money and he replied through grants, corporate donations, and individual donations. Senior Center Manager, Linda McGhee stated that she didn't like the idea of two competing 501c3 organizations.

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The September Calendar of activities was distributed. The Senior Center was closed for Labor Day Holiday on September 7th.
- 2.) There will be a lunch and learn on "Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft" on September 8th at noon. A light lunch will be provided but you must sign up in the office to be included in the count.
- 3.) We will be walking the Emory Valley Greenway at 9:00 a.m. We will begin at the Cascade Lane parking area and walk for about an hour weather permitting.
- 4.) T-Dot will be hosting a long range transportation planning meeting at the Senior Center on September 23rd at 1p.m. All area residents are welcome to attend and share ideas and opinions for our area for the next 25 years.
- 5.) The Senior Center will be sponsoring a day trip to Harrah's Cherokee Casino in October. Be watching for more information.

- 6.) Pickleball is available now at the Senior Center with times listed on the monthly calendar. See office to check out equipment.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

OAK RIDGE SENIOR FOUNDATION REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In continuing the discussion of getting information out to area seniors, Brandon Sharp of the ORPD spoke about the neighborhood watch program for the City of Oak Ridge. Mr. Sharp explained the structure of the program and that Oak Ridge currently has 24 groups that are listed as active. He also spoke about educational opportunities the police department provides and about projects they are working on such as Project Lifesaver and the SCAN program that directly affect senior citizens as well as other programs such as Raids online. Raids online is a crime mapping software available to citizens of Oak Ridge to look at the kinds of crimes that are occurring in different areas of the city. He also mentioned that National Night Out for the neighborhood watch in Oak Ridge has changed to Party in the Park and will be held on October 17th in Bissell Park.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth mentioned that the United Way Volunteer Program is up and running on their website.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Elizabeth Batchelor, Board Chairperson