

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the February 4, 2019
(Meeting was continued until February 12, 2019)

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. in the Social room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center by Chairperson Pat Gengozian.

SAB members present: Pat Gengozian, Gene Dunaway, Marty Adler-Jasny, Jackie Nichols, Robert Smallridge, Paul Smiddy, Lisa Plante, and David Vudragovich.

SAB members absent: Susan Asbury, Al Skyberg and Richard Hauser.

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

VISITORS: Mary Stephens, City Councilperson Ellen Smith, Dallas Dyce with the City of Oak Ridge Finance Department, Recreation and Parks Director Jon Hetrick

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The February Calendar of Activities was distributed and the Senior Center will be closed for Presidents Day on February 18th. Also if weather is in question, please call the Senior Center or check on Facebook before coming.
- 2.) The Senior Center Chili Cook Off was moved to Tuesday, February 5th because of bad weather. Come at 11:30 a.m. to taste and vote for the best chili and maybe win a door prize.
- 3.) There will be two lunch and learns this month. The first will be on SNAP program benefit changes on February 12th at noon. Also on February 19th at noon, Amada Senior Care will be here to discuss transportation services they offer for seniors.
- 4.) The Senior Center Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, February 14th from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Join us for ice cream sundaes, romantic music and to see who will be crowned King and Queen.
- 5.) Kimberly Wray from Caris Healthcare will provide a free painting class on February 15th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up with the office to save a spot.

- 6.) There will be a lunch and a movie trip to West Town Mall on Wednesday, February 27th from 10 a.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation with the cost of your lunch and movie on your own.
- 7.) The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will be held at the Trinity Outreach Center at 320 Robertsville Road again this year. Help will be available Tuesday – Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. No appointment required. Walk-ins only.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board continued to work toward receiving a three year grant from the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency in the amount of \$30,000 a year to help start a Senior Volunteer Transportation Program. Several board members were given areas of the grant proposal for which they were responsible for gathering information such as volunteer training, liability insurance, software, etc.

Board member Marty Adler-Jasny made a motion that for the purposes of the grant proposal, the current membership of the Senior Advisory Board along with Mary Stephens and Councilperson Ellen Smith be set as our steering committee for the new transportation program. The motion was seconded by Lisa Plante and the vote was unanimous.

The board also discussed asking the City to fund the current taxi coupon program for a limited extend period of around 6-12 months to allow time to fully begin the new volunteer program. Board member Jackie Nichlos made a motion to ask for \$15,000 to be set aside to continue the taxi coupon program in the next fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Marty Adler-Jasny and was approved by a unanimous vote.

Gene Dunaway made a motion that the meeting be recessed until the following Tuesday, February 12th at 9:30 a.m. so that board members could gather more information and a vote could be taken. David Vudragovich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2-12-19

The meeting was reconvened on Tuesday, February 12th at 9:31 in the Social Room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center. Board member Paul Smiddy spoke with members of the Police and Fire departments about training possibilities. Bob Smallridge reported on the costs and coverages available for additional liability insurance through CIMA. Marty Adler-Jasny and Ellen Smith spoke about the Assisted Rides software from what they learned at the webinar that was held on February 7th. After some discussion, the board

decided to have a Special Called Meeting on February 20th at 9:30 a.m. to finish the grant proposal and to vote on submitting it to the city for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

There was an introduction of our newest board member David Vudragovich and also the election for this year's chairperson and vice chairperson. Pat Gengozian was re-elected board chairperson by a unanimous vote as was Robert Smallridge to the vice chairperson position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on February 12, 2019 after a continuance from the February 4, 2019 regular monthly meeting.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson