

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the January 7, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 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, Robert Smallridge, Paul Smiddy, Susan Asbury, Lisa Plante, Jackie Nichols, and Richard Hauser

SAB members absent: Al Skyberg.

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

VISITORS: Recreation and Parks Director Jon Hetrick, City Manager Mark Watson, Joani Shaver Blount County Smiles Program, Warren Secrest Knoxville Volunteer Transportation Program, Matt Reedy Civic Center Manager, Ellen Smith Oak Ridge City Council Person, Anne Garcia, Debbie Catlett.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The January Calendar of Activities was distributed and the Senior Center will be closed for Martin Luther King Day on January 21st. Also if weather is in question, please call the Senior Center or check on Facebook before coming.
- 2.) The Lunch and Learn scheduled for January 8th has been moved to February 19th.
- 3.) Several exercise classes are being offered by the Senior Center to help people become healthier in the New Year. Check the back of the calendar for more details.
- 4.) There will also be an educational class on genealogy on January 16th at 1 p.m. and one on Stamp Collecting on January 24th at 1 p.m. as well. Please sign up in the office for either of these classes.
- 5.) The Senior Center Chili Cook Off is scheduled for January 30th at 11:30 a.m. Area assisted livings will provide chili for tasting and other senior service providers will be bringing desserts. There is no cost but call to reserve a space.

- 6.) Also a reminder that the Groundbreaking picture for the Senior Center project will be taken on January 14th at 4:30 p.m. at the site on the Civic Center grounds.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The first speaker on transportation issues was Joani Shaver from the Smiles Program in Blount County. Ms. Shaver went over a presentation on the importance transportation to the senior community as a whole as well as specific such as availability, accessibility, and adaptability. She also spoke about how the Smiles program is able to meet these needs in Blount County.

Also speaking was Warren Secret from the Knoxville Volunteer Transportation Program. Warren spoke about some of the differences between his program and the Blount County Program as well as some of the similarities.

Finally, Denise West spoke to give an overview of the Senior Volunteer Transportation Network (SVTN) funding that would be available for the city as a grant to help implement a volunteer transportation program of some kind.

Board Members, after some questions and deliberation, decided to have a work session meeting on January 14th at 5 p.m. to further explore the opportunity to acquire this grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Chairperson Pat Gengozian mentioned that she had been in contact with Mayor Gooch as to the possibility of naming the Senior Center after Ed Westcott. After discussion of issues such as the close proximity of the already named Westcott Center that houses the Kroger Marketplace and the confusion of the function of the Center without having Senior Center in the name, it was decided to support keeping the name of the new center the Oak Ridge Senior Center. A motion to keep the name as the "Oak Ridge Senior Center" was made by Board member Jackie Nichols and was seconded by Board member Paul Smiddy. The vote was unanimous to keep the current name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson