

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the April 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Social room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center by Chairperson Pat Gengozian.

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

SAB members absent: Susan Asbury, Jackie Nichols, and Al Skyberg.

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

VISITORS: Mary Stephens, City Councilperson Ellen Smith, Willie Golden.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The April Calendar of Activities was distributed. The Senior Center will be closed until noon on April 13th for the City Egg Hunt. It will also be closed for the Easter Holiday on April 19th and 20th.
- 2.) Taxes are due on April 15th. VITA is still assisting filers until the due date.
- 3.) Beltone will be here on Wednesday, April 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for hearing screenings and hearing aid cleanings.
- 4.) There will be an Educational Session for Census Jobs on May 4th from noon – 2 p.m. Please feel free to drop in and find out more information.
- 5.) There will be a lunch and learn on Back Pain and Sciatica by Dr. Lee Easley on Thursday, April 11th at noon. Please sign up in the office to have a meal.
- 6.) The Senior Center will be offering a sewing class beginning on April 15th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The class will cost \$16 to cover the cost of materials. Check in the office for more information.
- 7.) There will be an informational meeting for stamp collecting on April 16th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please sign up at the main desk.
- 8.) There will be three day trips this month. Two of which are hold overs from last month, Chief Vann house on April 12th and Bush Beans on April 17th. The final trip is to the Smokies Senior Bruch and Baseball Game on April 24th.

Cost is \$24 and includes brunch at the stadium, ticket to the game and transportation there.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board continued to work on and discuss the MyRide Oak Ridge Senior Transportation program. The ETHRA grant would be going before city council at the meeting on April 8th and the first ride would be scheduled for April 12th. There will be other work session meetings scheduled as needed later in the month.

NEW BUSINESS

Jacene Phillips and Erin Metelka from Studio 4 Design made a presentation on the furniture for the new Senior Center. There were several pieces brought in for board members to see and to try out. Comments were made by Board member Paul Smiddy regarding the tables and chairs in the billiards room. It was decided to take away two of the high tables for that room and replace them with stools. The need for a couple of round tables to play cards and other games was also mentioned and added to the list of what is needed. There was also a discussion about the color of the tables that will be used. The chosen type of table was available in white, black, and maple. White was not favored because it would become dingy very easily and maple was not favored because it would not match other existing wood elements in the building that were walnut in color. Black was not favored by many because of the darkness it would bring to the building. After much discussion it was voted and decided for Erin to look into whether or not the company could do the tables in walnut or if not then black would be the second choice.

Next Willie Golden spoke on the fund raising efforts to help cover the cost of the furniture that are being done by the Oak Ridge Senior Foundation. Mr. Golden showed a postcard that will be sent out to Oak Ridge homes within the next couple of days with some pictures and information on how to make donations to the foundation. He also mentioned that in a couple of weeks, there would be a letter sent out to companies as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board member Gene Dunaway announced that long time Oak Ridger and exercise instructor, Charlotte Hensley had recently passes away.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson