

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the March 4, 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: Pat Gengozian, Marty Adler-Jasny, Jackie Nichols, Paul Smiddy, Lisa Plante, and David Vudragovich.

SAB members absent: Susan Asbury, Gene Dunaway, Al Skyberg Robert Smallridge, and Richard Hauser.

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

VISITORS: Mary Stephens and City Councilperson Ellen Smith

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

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The March Calendar of Activities was distributed. Tai chi and Pickleball are both closed for the week of March 11th for Spring Break Kid's Camp. Also if weather is in question, please call the Senior Center or check on Facebook before coming.
- 2.) The Senior Center will be celebrating Marti Gras tomorrow. Come out around 11:30 a.m. to have some homemade gumbo and king cake.
- 3.) There will be two day trips this month. The first trip will be on March 15th to the Chief Vann House. The trip is \$11 and will leave at 9 a.m. The other trip is to Bush Beans Museum near Dandridge, TN on March 27th. Cost is \$5 and lunch is on your own at "A Taste of Dandridge" restaurant.
- 4.) There will also be two lunch and learns this month. The first will be "Getting Your Affairs in Order" by Avalon Hospice on March 19th at noon. The second is "Phones for the Hearing Impaired" by Clear Captions on March 26th at noon.
- 5.) Medical Ancillary Research Solutions will have an informational session on genetic cancer screening at 1 p.m. on March 28th.
- 6.) 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

Board Chairperson Pat Gengozian made a report on the furniture meeting with Liz Batchelor who is in charge of the Oak Ridge Senior Foundation to raise money for furniture for the new senior center. She also mentioned that Liz would also be speaking with the City Manager at some point soon.

Pat also reported on the Senior Volunteer Transportation Grant application. She mentioned that she and Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee finished the changes after the meeting on February 20th and the packet was hand delivered to the City Manager's office by around 3 p.m. that day. The City Manager then looked over the information, clarified a couple of items, and then sent the packet to the ETHRA for further review.

The board then continued to work on the specific policies and procedures that will be used for the City's My Ride Oak Ridge program. There were still a few questions about liability insurance and also about who is responsible for "accidents" such as spilling drinks, toileting issues, or other messes. As a response to the "accidents" issue, the possibility of a pot of money that could be used by volunteers to take their cars for a cleaning was proposed.

A work session for Wednesday, March 13th at 9:30 a.m. was proposed to finish out the policies and procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Submitted by _____

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson