

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the May 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Craft room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center by Chairperson Pat Gengozian.

SAB members present: Susan Asbury, Gene Dunaway, Pat Gengozian, Richard Hauser, Marty Adler-Jasny, Jackie Nichols, Robert Smallridge, Paul Smiddy, and Lisa Plante.

SAB members absent: David Vudragovich and Al Skyberg.

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

VISITORS: Mary Stephens, Dallas Dyce with the City of Oak Ridge Finance Department, and Cassandra Gilliam with Amedisys Healthcare.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The Senior Center will be closed for Memorial Day on May 27th. Senior Programs will also be closed on May 28th – May 30th in preparation for Graduation Celebration. The Office will be open during these days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Taxi Coupon sales only. The Senior Center will reopen on May 31st.
- 2.) The Tai Chi for Arthritis class begins on May 7th. As of right now, the class is completely full and will last for 5 weeks.
- 3.) There will be two day trips this month. The first is on May 8th to Briarwood Ranch Safari near Morristown. The cost is \$23 and covers transportation and your ticket to the park. Lunch will be on your own in Morristown. The second trip is a hiking trip to Cove Lake State Park on May 17th. Cost is \$5 and lunch will be on your own at Ricard Ridge Restaurant.
- 4.) The Senior Center will again be participating in Red Nose Day with Walgreens to help raise money for Children's Charities. Come by the Center on May 10th and purchase a nose for a good cause.

- 5.) There will be a lunch and learn about “Living Well in Assisted Living” by Connie Warford from Brookdale Assisted Living on May 21st at noon. Please sign up in the office to be counted for lunch.
- 6.) We will be sponsoring our 2nd Annual CarFit Check up on May 29th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This program helps drivers make sure they are fitting into their cars correctly to help them be safer drivers. Spots are available. Call the front office for more information at 865-425-3999.
- 7.) Pickleball will be moving to the ORHS tennis courts for summer play since the gym will be used by Oak Ridge Summer Camps through the end of July.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board continued to work on and discuss the MyRide Oak Ridge Senior Transportation program. The board decided to honor the 8th grade art student that designed the MyRide logo for our Oak Ridge program. Also discussed were the liability statement that has been approved by the City’s Risk Manager and also the scholarship information to help lower income participants in the new program. A committee was chosen to work on marketing for the program as well as one for program training. Board members Jackie Nichols and Dick Hauser were chosen to work on marketing and board members Bob Smallridge and Marty Adler-Jasny were chosen to work on training.

The status of furniture fundraising for the new center was mentioned and steering committee member Mary Stephens said she would check with Willie Golden who is on the Oak Ridge Senior Foundation Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Marty Adler-Jasny brought up that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) will be losing its space at the Trinity Outreach Building next year. She would like for the Senior Center or other city entity consider housing their operations next year. The program provides income tax assistance to low income individuals in our area. It was pointed out that while the program does serve many senior citizens, it is not only for seniors. Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee worried that opening hours for the senior center along with not having space available to dedicate for a 3 month period would make it hard for the Senior Center to sponsor the program. She did mention that we could explore other options in city facilities as the date became closer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson