

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the February 3, 2020

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

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

SAB members absent: None.

Also present: Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager, Oak Ridge Senior Center and Ken Mayes, MyRide Oak Ridge Assistant.

VISITORS: Ellen Smith, City Council Person and Mary Stephens.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the January 6, 2020 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 on February 17th for President's Day. If there are weather issues please call the Senior Center before coming to make sure we are open. The Senior Center Facebook page will be updated with closures as well.
- 2.) There are several educational programs scheduled for this month. There will be a lunch and learn on Medicaid, Medicare, and Skilled Nursing Facilities on February 4th at noon. There will also be an educational program by Regina Copeland with the Anderson County Trustee's Office explaining the Property Tax Freeze and Relief programs on Thursday, February 6th at 1 p.m. There will also be a lunch and learn on February 11th with Regions Bank on Financial and Identity Theft Tips at noon.
- 3.) Beltone will be at the Senior Center on February 10th from 10 a.m. to noon to check hearing and clean hearing aids.
- 4.) Our annual Valentine's Ice Cream Social will be held on February 13th from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come and join for ice cream and all the fixings. We will have door prizes and will crown a King and Queen.
- 5.) There will be a MyRide Oak Ridge Training session held on Tuesday, February 18th from 10 a.m. to noon. Please get the word out and have interested people call to sign up.
- 6.) The Anderson County Health Department and the Anderson County UT Extension Office will be holding a Take Charge of Your Diabetes class on Tuesdays from 1

p.m. to 3 p.m. beginning on February 25th. It will last for 6 consecutive Tuesdays. Space is limited so please sign up early.

- 7.) Weather permitting the Senior Center will be taking a day trip for lunch and a movie to downtown Knoxville. Cost is \$5 for transportation with the cost of lunch at Market Square and the movie at Regal Cinemas on Gay Street on your own. Space is limited, please sign up in the office.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board members discussed committee leadership and came up with the following Chairs for each committee:

Programs-Pat Gengozian (Chair), Marty Adler-Jasny, Jackie Nichols, Bob Smallridge, and Al Skyberg (Members)

Communications/Marketing-Jackie Nichols and Marty Adler-Jasny (Co-Chairs)

Finance/Events- Bob Smallridge and Jackie Nichols

Fundraising-David Vudragovich

Both Lisa Plante and Gene Dunaway volunteered to be “floaters” and work with whichever committee needs help at the time. Also City Council Person Ellen Smith mentioned to the committees to make sure and be aware of the Sunshine Laws and that they could only fact find and gather information. They could not deliberate.

Goals for the Senior Advisory Board for 2020 were discussed and finalized as the following:

- 1.) Senior Center
 - a. Publicize the senior Center to retain and attract a diverse group of participants age 50 and older.
 - b. Develop new programs and funding sources to retain and attract a diverse group of participants.
 - c. Assist with the implementation of a software system to measure current use and participation in Senior Center programs.
- 2.) Develop Committees to facilitate the Senior Advisory Board's goals.
- 3.) Respond to requests from City Council.

A motion was made by Board Member Marty Adler-Jasny to accept the goals as amended and was seconded by Board Member Lisa Plante. The motion then passed by a unanimous vote. Board Member Gene Dunaway asked Council Person Smith what she thought City Council would like to see in a report from the board. She said that a short report with information.

The MyRide Oak Ridge program was also discussed during the Unfinished Business Section. Ken Mayes, MyRide Program Coordinator reported that both riders and volunteers were increasing for the program in a steady manner. The goals for the board to help with regarding the MyRide Oak Ridge program were as follows:

To work with Senior Center Staff to publicize the program with contributions in a minimum of 2 publications a month.

To help increase the number of riders to 32 and the number of volunteer drivers to 52.

To investigate additional funding opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Chairperson Pat Gengozian mentioned that there was 2 or 3 applicants for the 2 open positions on the Senior Advisory Board. Those choices would be made by City Council on February 10th at its next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson