

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the June 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. in the AB room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Vice Chairperson Jackie Nichols.

SAB members present: Marty Adler-Jasny, Elaine Bunick, Steven Barker, Brandy Sales, Robert Smallridge, Jackie Nichols, and Lisa Plante.

SAB members absent: Pat Gengozian Lindsey McElvy, and Gene Dunaway.

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

VISITORS: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were approved.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

None.

REPORTS

SENIOR CENTER RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Linda McGhee reported the following:

- 1.) The Senior Center is now open from 9 am. to 4 p.m. each day Monday – Friday but will be moving to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning in July. Mask are still recommended but no longer required and scheduling of activities is still required. Bingo was well received last month and will continue with the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of this month. Participants must still sign up ahead of time and it is limited to 26 per day. The Exercise Room is being increased to 4 participants per session and we are currently working to allow participants to use more than one machine. Cards and games are continuing. Pinochle has two full tables on Mondays, Bridge on Tuesdays and Wednesdays has had on table each day and Mahjong on Thursdays has not had any players to return as of yet. Both Arts and Crafts and Wood Carving are glad to be back and have around 5-6 participants each currently. The newest number of total participants since reopening is now at 213.
- 2.) We are looking forward to beginning some exercise classes in July along with some education programs as well. Energizing Exercise with Carol Plasil will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and S.A.I.L. with Laura Clark will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 3.) There will be a possibility for congregate meals with ETHRA to restart in July when their new budget year begins. Meal pick up will continue through then, maybe longer if needed.
- 4.) Allen Sign Company should have our new sign fabricated some time this week and will call us as soon as it is ready.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Programming Committee

Board Vice Chairperson Jackie Nichols began the discussion with the appointment of Marty Adler-Jasny as the Chairperson for the Programming Committee. Board Member Robert Smallridge made the motion and it was seconded by Lisa Plante. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of members present. Marty reported on the programming committee meeting that was held on May 14th. She also mentioned that the library will be working with us for technology help as well as a new book group program beginning in fall. The next meeting will be held on June 18th and will also include stakeholders that currently use the Senior Center activities.

Transportation

Jackie Nichols tabled the discussion of the Transportation committee for a later date.

Public Relations

The discussion of the Public Relations Committee began with the appointment of Board Member Brandy Sales as the Chairperson for the Committee. Board Member Elaine Bunick made the motion and it was seconded by Board Member Lisa Plante. The motioned passed with the unanimous support of members present. Brandy discussed his foundations in video production and marketing and some of the difficulties of reaching seniors in general. He mentioned that the best approach would be to work on many different avenues such as word of mouth, online and email, churches and other gathering areas to name a few. He also mentioned the new video for the June Senior Center update being posted and out for participants to see with the help of the City's Communication Specialist Lauren Gray. He also mentioned getting back in touch with the Channel 12 person about getting the update with them as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackie Nichols mentioned possibly doing something to honor Al Skyberg's passing since he had been on the Senior Advisory Board for many years. She asked for members to think about options and get back at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Jackie Nichols, Board Vice Chairperson