

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the July 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:48 a.m. in the AB room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Chairperson Pat Gengozian.

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

SAB members absent: Lindsey McElvy, Robert Smallridge and Gene Dunaway.

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

VISITORS: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the June 7, 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 5 p.m. each day Monday – Friday. Mask are still recommended but no longer required and scheduling of activities is still encouraged since there are limits on most activities. The Recreation Room has increased to 24 players at one time. The Exercise Room is being increased to 5 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 has had 2-3 tables and Mahjong on Thursdays has not had any players to return as of yet. Bingo is continuing on Thursday afternoons with between 30-35 participants each time. The newest number of total participants since reopening is now at 380. Energizing Exercise began on July 1st and there are currently 16 people signed up for the class. The SAIL Class will begin on July 19th and there are 15 people signed up for Mondays and a separate 15 for Wednesdays for a total of 30 participants.
- 2.) Educations programs have started back this month. Our 1st was on July 6th with Dr. Bunick about Telehealth and we had 6 attendees. Our 2nd on HVAC care and repair will be on July 20th and currently has 5 people signed up.
- 3.) The ETHRA Meals on Wheels program has lost their caterer. They are working to figure out a new way to serve congregate lunches and would like for our center to be a test site when they are ready. Frozen meal pick up will continue for now but may change when congregate is offered on a regular basis again.

- 4.) Senior Day at the Anderson County Fair will be back this year. It will be held on Wednesday, July 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at the J.C. Park grounds in Clinton. There is free admission for 60+ and there will be entertainment, goodie bags, door prizes and ice cream.
- 5.) Coming in August will be our Senior Day at the Outdoor Pool on August 4th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with Indoor Pickleball beginning August 16th.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Programming Committee

Board member Marty Adler-Jasny reported on the program committee meeting held on June 18th. She mentioned working with William Gwinn at the Oak Ridge Library to make a survey about interest in starting a senior book club with help from the Library. She also mentioned that the committee added 3 stakeholders, Mary Morris, Mary Stephens, and Don Wright. The next meeting will be held on July 23rd.

Transportation

The transportation committee was deferred until needed.

Public Relations

Board member Brandy Sales talked about the Public Relations committee creating a plan to get information out for the Senior Center and hoping to get it started by September 1st. The plan includes the following areas in order of importance: In person; Print; Video/Broadcast; Email; Social Media. It will also include measurements to make sure things are working.

Special Events

Board Member Jackie Nichols reported on the Special Events committee meeting that was held on Friday, June 24th. A possible Grandparent's Day event was discussed for Saturday, September 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to include activities such as crafts, hot dogs, outside games, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Pat Gengozian, Board Chairperson