

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the November 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. in the D room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Board Vice Chairperson Jackie Nichols.

SAB members present: Gene Dunaway, Marty Adler-Jasny, Steven Barker, Brandy Sales, Robert Smallridge, Lindsey McElvy, Jackie Nichols and Elaine Bunick.

SAB members absent: Pat Gengozian and Lisa Plante.

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

VISITORS: City Council Person Ellen Smith.

MINUTES APPROVAL: The October 4, 2021 meeting did not have a quorum. However, the minutes of the September 13, 2021 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 November 25th-27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Masks and social distancing are still recommended but no longer required.
- 2.) The Drop-in Halloween Party went well. We had 85 people sign in and offered free fancy coffee, treat bags, spooky photos, and a door prize.
- 3.) Veterans Day will be the next big event on the schedule. It will be a drop-in event as well. Each Veteran that pre-registers will receive a special goodie bag with a \$10 gift card to either Outback or Red Lobster. There will also be music from our Golden Eagles, light pre-packaged snacks, and prizes for oldest veteran, most years served, etc.
- 4.) There are several educational programs scheduled for the month of November. Recreation Program Coordinator Tim Cochran will talk about Heating Systems on the 2nd. County Trustee Regina Copeland will speak on the tax freeze and relief programs for Anderson County seniors on November 9th. The Legal Aid Society will speak on seniors and tax issues on November 16th.
- 5.) Write up to use COVID Funding to do virtual conference rooms at the senior center has been sent Community Development and when it has been approved, then the Recreation and Parks Director, Jon Hetrick, will speak to the City Manager about it.
- 6.) October numbers for the Flu and COVID Booster shots at the center was 186 total.
- 7.) We currently have 762 participants in our system along with 504 unique email addresses.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Member Marty Adler-Jasny mentioned that the committees will be added to our new bylaws that were mentioned at the October meeting.

Programming Committee Report

Board member Marty Adler-Jasny reported that seasonal celebrations such as the Drop-in Halloween Party continue to move forward. She also mentioned the addition of the display case up front for projects from Senior Center programs such as wood carvers, arts and crafts, etc. She said that Don Wright, one of our stakeholders on the committee was resigning but his space will be taken by former Board Member Paul Smiddy. The Book Club Survey by the Library will be ending on November 20th to allow for time over the holidays to look at the data and set a day and time for a January start for the book club at the Senior Center.

Transportation Report

No report

Public Relations Report

Board member Brandy Sales discussed some of the stats for Facebook and YouTube for the Senior Center. He also talked about shooting footage around the Senior Center to create activities loop video to use as needed. He also mentioned getting an intern from the University of Tennessee soon that could also possibly help with projects at the senior center.

Special Events Report

Board Vice Chairperson Jackie Nichols talked about hoping to make the Grandparents Day into a larger event next year. She also mentioned the possibility of other new activities in Spring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that Board Chairperson Pat Gengozian had fallen and broke her hip, she had surgery and was doing as well as could be expected.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Jackie Nichols, Board Vice Chairperson