

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the September 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the D room of the Oak Ridge Senior Center by Board member Marty Adler-Jasny.

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

SAB members absent: Pat Gengozian, Lindsey McElvy, Jackie Nichols and Lisa Plante.

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

VISITORS: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of the August 2, 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 for regular hours. Those hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 5p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Senior Center will be closed for regular activities on September 24th and 25th for the Secret City Festival.
- 2.) Pat Postma was scheduled to speak about the Oak Ridge Foundation for Achieving Excellence on September 14th. However, she had to postpone in person talks because of the increase in COVID-19 cases. Dr. Lee Easley will be here on September 21st at noon to discuss how to handle back pain in a more natural way.
- 3.) Line Dancing Class began on September 7th at 5:30 p.m. and is full at 20 participants and has a waiting list. We will also be offering times for open games on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call to see what games are available and to sign up to play. Beltone will be here on the second Tuesday of each month to clean hearing aids and do hearing checks.
- 4.) We currently have 660 participants in our system along with 430 unique email addresses.

RECENT ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Programming Committee

Board member Marty Adler-Jasny reported on the August 27th Program Committee meeting. One issue of importance mentioned was the ability to hold effective online/in-person programs with the resurgence of COVID-19 with the delta variant. Senior Center Manager Linda McGhee said she had contacted the IT Department for the City of Oak Ridge about trying to come up with an estimated cost. The board accepted the program committee's report by unanimous vote.

Transportation

No report

Public Relations

Board member Brandy Sales discussed getting WBIR in to do a story on Ruth Skidmore, 98-year-old guitar player and WWII Veteran. He also mentioned that we will be doing the Senior Center Video Update every two months instead of each month as well as creating a short video highlighting Senior Center activities that can be used for different public relations opportunities. The board accepted the public relations committee's report by unanimous vote.

Special Events

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Submitted by

Linda McGhee, Recreation Manager

Marty Adler-Jasny, Board Member