

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Present: Brenda Cooley, Marti Galvin, Jeannette Grotke, Henry Haslinger (chair), Frank Pearlman, Bernard Robbs, Ronnie Scotkin (chair elect), Betty Timer (secretary), David West, Greg Varda (acting City liaison) Silke Pope (council liaison)

Absent: Bunny Fitzgerald, Paula Williams (both excused)

Guests: Colin Byrd and Ed Hickey

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by chair, Henry Haslinger. The agenda was approved (moved by Jeannette Grotke and seconded by Ronnie Scotkin.) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved (moved by Jeannette Grotke and seconded by Ronnie Scotkin.)

OLD BUSINESS:

FORA/GAIL update Free Produce distribution is at Springhill Lake Elementary is on Thursday, November 2 at 2:30 – 4:00pm. The National Memory Screening Program is on November 6 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building from 9 - 11:00am and at Green Ridge House on November 8 from 9 – 11:00 am. Ronnie Scotkin agreed to be our liaison to the Gail program.

Widowed Persons update The present group is finishing its meeting schedule for the fall session. The spring session is in the planning stage.

Election of Officers Approved by unanimous vote, the 2018 officers are Henry Haslinger- chair, Ronnie Scotkin- chair elect, and Betty Timer- secretary.

Open Forum The committee discussed their priorities for the Open Forum report that will be given to City Council. At the next meeting the committee plans to approve the addition and wording of their three priorities.

SCAC Recommendations:

- 1. Get a new Greenbelt Connection Bus. (This was a priority last year as well.)**
- 2. More parking is needed at the Springhill Recreation Center for the Senior Fit program in the summer.**

3. ??Concern was raised concerning people sleeping on the park benches in the City. OR Greenbelt citizens need education to hinder the breaking and entering of their parked cars.

Senior Mobility Work Session and Report The meeting was well attended by SCAC members. A call for planning for the upcoming needs for housing for aging seniors who are in their 90's in Greenbelt was expressed by Betty Timer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Varda told the members that the Grant Review Panel will begin its work in April. SCAC sends a representative to this five-person panel.

Karen Haseley's October Fest and retirement party was discussed. Betty Timer thank the members of the SCAC for their help with the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paula Williams intended retirement from the committee was mentioned by Henry Haslinger.

The next meeting is at 3:30 pm on November 28, 2017.

A motion to adjourn (moved by Ronnie Scotkin and seconded by Brenda Cooley.)

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Timer

Secretary