

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

SCAC Members Present:

Brenda Cooley (Chair)
Henry Haslinger (Secretary)
Betty Timer (Chair-elect)
Paula Scott Luddy
Bunny Fitzgerald
Edward Hickey
Phyllis Budin
Frank Pearlman

SCAC Members Not Present:

Oyinkansola Odebo
David West
Paula Williams

Also Present:

Karen Haseley (City Liaison)
Silke Pope (Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chair, Brenda Cooley.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as distributed (moved by Phyllis Budin; seconded by Paula Scott Luddy).
2. **Approval of Minutes:** With the exception of correcting the spelling of Christal Batey's first name, the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed (moved by Bunny Fitzgerald; seconded by Brenda Cooley).
3. **Not For Seniors Only**
 - a. **June 6, 2015:** This is the date when the event will be held. A room for holding the event still needs to be reserved.
 - b. **Topic?:** Potential topics raised included "Protecting Yourself from Fraud and Abuse"; "Avoiding ID Theft"; and Performer Steve Little, who does a show called "It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over", which educates the audience about people with advanced dementia. Mr. Little charges a fee for doing his show. The Committee decided to choose the topic of "Protecting Yourself from Fraud" and/or "Preventing ID Theft". Possible speakers include George Mathews and Patricia Maynard. Betty Timer will make some phone calls to potential speakers after Karen Haseley speaks with Ms. Maynard.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **FORA/GAIL Update:** Karen Haseley described a new program the City of Greenbelt is putting together. It is called the "STEP Program". Christal Batey is coordinating the program, which is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2015. The next two monthly produce distributions will take place at the Springhill Lake Elementary School on February 5 and March 5, at 2:30 p.m. Another produce distribution will be held at the Green Ridge House on April 2. The location change is necessitated by the school system's Spring break. As a follow-up to the SCAC's discussion at the November meeting, about the feasibility of moving the produce distribution event to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Karen Haseley reported that this would not be feasible.
 - b. **Widowed Persons Update:** In response to a request from citizens in Bowie, the Spring, 2015 Widowed Persons group will be meeting at the Bowie Senior Center. The first meeting will be in March, on a Thursday. The exact date was not available tonight.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Code of Conduct: Karen Haseley read aloud the entire code, to assist Frank Pearlman, and answered questions from SCAC members to try to clarify the code's meaning. All members who were present tonight executed a copy of the Code and submitted it to Karen Haseley.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Contra Dance: Will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center Gym on February 7, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. The music will be provided by a live band and there will be a live caller. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington is co-sponsoring the dance, and the admission will be \$10.00, payable at the door.

b. Addams Family: Karen Haseley announced that spaces are still available for the trip to Toby's Dinner Theater on March 4, 2015, to see the performance of Addams Family.

c. Explorations Unlimited: On January 30, the guest speaker will be physical therapist Dr. Mbwana. On February 6, Karen Bryant, from the Chesapeake Hospice, will be the guest speaker. The scheduled guest speaker for February 13 is Wayne Braxton, who is with the National Park Service. Guest speaker Patricia Maynard, from the University of Maryland Extension, will give a presentation on the topic of *Healthy Cents* on February 20. The Daily Effects of Hearing Loss will be the topic on February 27, and the guest speaker will be Dr. Julia Vadakkumpadan.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:37 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Timer and seconded by Paula Scott Luddy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Haslinger