

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

SCAC Members Present:

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

SCAC Members Not Present:

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Also Present:

Karen Haseley (City Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair, Paula Williams.

1. Welcome New Member: Paula Scott Luddy was introduced and welcomed, as the newest member of the SCAC. To reflect Paula's addition to the roster, Karen Haseley distributed an updated SCAC roster to every member present.

2. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed (moved by Phyllis Budin; seconded by David West).

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed (moved by Bunny Fitzgerald; seconded by Betty Timer).

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Not For Seniors Only (NFSO) on 5/31/14: Brenda Cooley reported that she checked with the Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136, regarding the possible usage of space in their building for holding the NFSO event on May 31, 2014. On the question of a fee being charged for renting the space, Brenda thought that if there is a fee, it would depend on the size of the group. Karen asked Brenda to gather more information from the Legion, just for future reference. It is too late to use the Legion's space for this year's NFSO.

a. (i.) Flyer: Karen distributed a copy of the flyer, publicizing the NFSO event, to each SCAC member for their review. There was a discussion of how many copies to make, and what color of paper to use for the flyer.

a. (ii.) Distribution: Various SCAC members volunteered to distribute the flyer to various locations around Greenbelt. These locations include Greenbelt East, Greenbelt West, Recreation Dept. facilities, Roosevelt Center, GHI, Green Ridge House, the Greenbelt Library and possibly some of the churches in Greenbelt. Betty has submitted an announcement for publication in the News Review, the Gazette and the Beacon. She also sent an item to GATE, for inclusion on the public access CATV channel. Karen will send a notice to the City Council and to Cindy Murray.

a. (iii.) Set up: There was a discussion of who will handle certain tasks on the day of the NFSO event. City staff will set up the chairs. Paula Williams will be the M.C. for the event. Phyllis will staff the sign-in table. Betty and Henry will arrive at 12 Noon, to help Karen with whatever other tasks need to be done.

b. New Directional Signage for Police Station: The signs are being looked into by Public Works. It is hoped that some new signs will be up by the end of the year.

c. FORA/GAIL Update: Christal Batey addressed the Golden Age Club on April 30, 2014.

d. Widowed Persons Update: Frank Pearlman announced that the Spring sessions are over and the Fall sessions will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center, starting in September.

5. NEW BUSINESS: No new business was introduced.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Active Aging Week (9/21 to 9/27/14) and Open Forum (9/27/14): Karen asked SCAC members to let her know if we have any suggestions or ideas, for possible activities to have during Active Aging Week.

b. Rosie Teutsch: Karen announced that Rosie Teutsch passed away recently. Rosie participated in the Wii bowling games.

c. Mobile Vision Van: Karen announced that a "Mobile Vision Van" will be in Greenbelt from August 11 to August 14, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day. Free vision exams will be offered, as well as free eyeglasses for both children and adults. There are no income restrictions. Participants will need to schedule an appointment, and all adult participants must have a photo ID. Both children and adults must have a Social Security Card, and not have vision insurance. Registration for appointments will begin on July 14, 2014.

d. Monique Jezierski: Karen announced that Monique Jezierski passed away recently. Monique drove the van for Greenbelt's senior citizen shopping trips.

e. GIVES: There was a discussion of the GIVES program, and how the program operates.

f. Recreation Department's Summer Brochure: Karen announced that this brochure is now available online, and on paper.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Timer and seconded by Ed Hickey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Haslinger