

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 26, 2014

SCAC Members Present:

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

SCAC Members Not Present:

Paula Williams (Chair)
David West

Also Present:

Karen Haseley (City Liaison)
Ian Dickens (Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair-elect, Brenda Cooley. Paula Williams, the Chair, was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as distributed (moved by Betty Timer; seconded by Bunny Fitzgerald).

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 29, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed (moved by Phyllis Budin; seconded by Betty Timer).

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Liaisons: Roles and Expectations: A copy of the descriptions of the Council Liaison's and Staff Liaison's roles and expectations, as contained in the City of Greenbelt's handbook on the "Policies and Procedures of Greenbelt Advisory Boards & Committees", was distributed to each SCAC member by Karen Haseley at the start of the meeting. To assist Frank Pearlman, Karen read the descriptions to the entire SCAC. Karen also elaborated upon the role of both liaisons. Individual SCAC members then expressed their own expectations of the Council Liaison.

These expectations included having a two-way communication with the SCAC; guidance from the Council Liaison on certain issues being addressed by the SCAC; and having the Council Liaison attend the annual Open Forum, and/or the first regular SCAC meeting held after the Open Forum. It was suggested that we should let the Council Liaison know that he/she is welcome at all of our meetings, and whenever the Council Liaison is unable to attend a meeting, he/she should notify the SCAC Staff Liaison via an e-mail.

b. Updated Rosters: Karen Haseley distributed an updated and revised SCAC roster to each member in attendance at tonight's meeting.

c. FORA/GAIL Update: The Affordable Care Act Maryland Medicaid Expansion Event is being promoted. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Those who wish to attend must schedule an appointment in advance.

Also, the monthly surplus food distribution will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the Springhill Lake Elementary School.

d. Widowed Persons Update: Frank Pearlman announced that the first of six sessions of a support group for widowed persons is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Residence on Greenbelt. The remaining five sessions will be held at the same time and place every Thursday until April 24, 2014.

e. Not For Seniors Only (NFSO): The SCAC confirmed having “Use Your Voice” as the topic for the 2014 NFSO event on Saturday, May 31. This topic pertains to the issue of how people can become more effective patient advocates for friends and family members, in hospital and nursing home situations. The NFSO event will be held in the Community Center’s Multi-Purpose Room from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31. There will be a panel discussion, and each of the three panel members (Mark Asch, Helen S. Barnes and Paula M. Mattson-Sarli) will be making presentations.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Meeting of Advisory Committee Chairs: This annual meeting with the City Council probably will be scheduled in June. No other details are known at this time.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. There will be a Senior Planning meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

b. A new floor will be installed in the Multi-Purpose Room during the week of March 2, 2014.

c. Performances of “Perseus and Gorgon” will be held on March 1 at 7:00 p.m.; March 2 at 3:00 p.m.; and March 8 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The play is being done by Greenbelt youths, and is directed by Chris Cherry. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

d. Affordable Care Act (See “FORA/GAIL Update” in Item 3 c. above.)

e. There will be an Ice Cream Social on Friday, March 14, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

f. The last Senior Luncheon to be hosted by P.G. County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner will take place in the Greenbelt Community Center Multi-Purpose Room on Friday, May 16, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The luncheon honors Greenbelt seniors. Anyone wishing to attend should call Karen Haseley by April 25, 2014.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:12 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Timer and seconded by Phyllis Budin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Haslinger