

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

SCAC Members Present:

Paula Williams (Chair)
Brenda Cooley (Chair-elect)
Henry Haslinger (Secretary)
Betty Timer
Edward Hickey
Frank Pearlman

SCAC Members Not Present:

Oyinkansola Odebo
David West
Bunny Fitzgerald
Phyllis Budin

Also Present:

Karen Haseley (City Liaison)
Marsha Voight (Guest)
Silke Pope (Council Liaison)
Paula Scott Luddy (Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair, Paula Williams.

1. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as distributed (moved by Henry Haslinger; seconded by Betty Timer).

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed (moved by Betty Timer; seconded by Brenda Cooley).

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Not For Seniors Only (NFSO): Karen Haseley referenced last Friday's *Explorations Unlimited* program, where the program's three speakers (Mark Asch, Helen S. Barnes and Paula M. Mattson-Sarli) will also be the same speakers at the NFSO event on May 31, 2014. A sizable crowd is anticipated, and the capacity of the Community Center's Multi-purpose Room, where the NFSO event will take place, is 65 people. Therefore, a maximum of 65 people will be admitted into the NFSO event. Betty Timer will prepare a flyer for the event, and it will be ready by the next SCAC meeting on April 30, 2014. There was a discussion about having the NFSO event in a larger room, possibly in a different building, such as the Greenbelt Firehouse or the Greenbelt American Legion. Brenda Cooley will look into the availability of the American Legion meeting hall, and whether a fee would be charged to use that room.

b. FORA/GAIL Update: The monthly surplus food distribution will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Springhill Lake Elementary School.

c. Widowed Persons Update: Frank Pearlman announced that the first of six sessions of a support group for widowed persons now is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Residence on Greenbelt. The first session originally was scheduled for March 20, 2014. However, no one showed up for that session. The last of the six sessions is scheduled for May 1, 2014.

d. New Signage for Police and Fire Departments: Brenda Cooley asked about the status of the new signage for these two facilities. Silke Pope responded by stating that the signage improvements are "on the radar", but no specific timeframe for the new signage can be provided at this time. (This item was not on the approved agenda.)

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Active Aging Week: Scheduled to take place from September 21 to September 27, 2014. The theme will be "Let the Adventure Begin". Many activities are being planned.

b. Open Forum (9/27/14): This annual event coincides this year with the last day of Active Aging Week. The forum lasts from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and takes place in the Community Center's Multi-purpose Room.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. National Harbor Trip (4/3/14): There are still seats available on the bus for this trip.

b. Explorations Unlimited Schedule: Karen distributed copies of the Spring schedule, and gave a brief explanation of each week's program.

c. Betty Deitch: A former member of the SCAC who recently passed away. A memorial service was held on March 21, 2014.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:21 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Timer and seconded by Henry Haslinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Haslinger