

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2014

SCAC Members Present:

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

SCAC Members Not Present:

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Also Present:

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

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

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 August 20, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed (moved by Phyllis Budin; seconded by Betty Timer).

3. **Open Forum (9/27/14)**

a. **Discussion on notes:** Brenda Cooley, who was the M.C. at this year's forum, said she thought this year's forum was the best City-sponsored event she has ever attended. Betty Timer brought to Chair Paula Williams attention the "Everbridge" website being worked on by the City. The website would alert seniors, and others, of important information. Betty also did a synopsis of the other "good news" items that were mentioned at the forum. The SCAC discussed some of the issues raised at the forum, relative to safety, such as phone scams and security in the car and home. Additional discussion followed, relative to the other issues mentioned at the forum.

b. **Recommendations to Council:** Issues discussed at the forum which are to be sent to the City Council for possible action include: the redundant utility poles that need to be removed by Pepco after Verizon removes their wires from those poles. Karen Haseley will be re-organizing the list of issues compiled from the forum, and at the October 29 SCAC meeting, we will determine if there are additional issues that need to be forwarded to the Council for possible consideration.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **FORA/GAIL Update:** The free, six-week 2014 Brain Fitness Program starts on October 13. The next monthly produce distribution will take place at the Green Ridge House on a date not yet certain, but it might be October 30.

b. **Widowed Persons Update:** Frank Pearlman again announced that the first of five sessions for the Fall season will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center on Thursday, October 16. The sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. So far, five people have signed up for the sessions.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. **Advisory Board Dinner (10/12/14):** The annual supper to honor all members of the City Council's Advisory Boards and Committees will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

b. **Trips:** 20 people have signed up for the "Mystery Trip" taking place on October 8. More participants are still needed. A trip to see the Mary Poppins musical at Toby's Dinner Theater is scheduled for December 10.

c. **Oktoberfest:** A free Oktoberfest will take place on Friday, October 3, in the gym at the Greenbelt Community Center, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and entertainment will be provided by Seniorita Sunshine.

d. **Contra Dance:** A contra dance is being planned. Details TBA.

e. **SCAC Elections:** Nominations for the next term's Chair-elect and Secretary should have been made at tonight's meeting. Therefore, both the nominations and the elections will be held at the next meeting on October 29.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:41 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Timer and seconded by Phyllis Budin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Haslinger