

## Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

**Present:** Phyllis Budin , Bunny Fitzgerald, Karen Haseley (City Liaison), Henry Haslinger, Erica Husser, Ginny Jones, Leonie Penney, Amanda Porter (Karen's assistant), Betty Timer (Chair),  
**Absent:** Brenda Cooley, Silke Pope (Council Liaison), David West

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Betty Timer. The agenda was approved (moved by: Phyllis, seconded by Bunny). The minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected – date was corrected to February 23, 2011 and Amanda Porter was added to the list persons present. (moved by: Henry, seconded by Phyllis).

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Letter re: Resolution 706:** Minor editorial changes were made to the letter composed by Betty Timer concerning the review of the SCAC 1989 Charter. The letter proposes that section 1 f be changed from "*Conduct an annual review of ongoing city programs related to senior citizens, to be completed in coordination with the city's budget cycle.*" to "**Conducts an annual information session entitled "Not for Seniors Only"**". Betty will send the letter to the City Council for their action on this proposed change to our charter.

**Not for Seniors Only:** (June 4<sup>th</sup> Community Center room 202)

- 1) Flyer/Posters: Erica will create a flyer and send it to Karen by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Karen will have flyers for distribution the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. The distributions around Greenbelt will be: Bunny – Greenbriar & Roosevelt Center , Henry – Franklin Park, Karen- Rec & Community Center, Leonie – Widowed Persons group, Ginny – library
- 2) article for News Review – Henry will write an article for the May 26 issue of the News Review
- 3) Karen will check on using the Golden Age Club microphone and if taping by GATE will be possible
- 4) Betty will moderate the event, Phyllis will do the sign-in table, Bunny & Ginny will take notes and we will ask Brenda if she will write on the paper at the front of the room

**Middle School Task Force:** No report from Brenda. Karen shared the following info from a flyer: 3 Public meetings for community input will be held in May. They will all take place from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. On Wed. May 4 the first will be at Greenbriar. On Tues. May 10 the second will be at the Community Center multipurpose room. On Thurs. May 19 the third will be held at the Springhill Lake Elementary School. Committee members were urged to attend the meetings to lobby for inclusion of senior citizens in the use of the Middle School facility.

**FORA/GAIL update:** The Law Day event on Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Center has a wait list for people to attend. GAIL will be 10 years old on May 18, 2011. The acronym NORC stands for Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. Greenbelt is the only city in the U.S. with a city funded staff for a NORC. May is Older American month. The free food distribution starts the first Thursday in June. The required sign-up starts the end of May. To sign up, call the GAIL office: 301-345-6660 ext. 2012. The program is open to all Greenbelt residents, without any income restrictions.

**Widowed Persons update:** The Fall 2011 support group sessions will start on Tuesday Sept. 27 and end on Tues. Nov. 1. They will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Senior Lounge of the Greenbelt Community Center.

**Aging in Place Expo (May 21, 2011, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) update:** 30 vendors are signed up. Attendees must be age 50 and over. There will be door prizes and many vendors will have free gifts.

**Two Openings on SCAC:** One application has been submitted to the City Clerk for the City Council consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Announcement:**

Bill Souser, a very active senior at the Community Center, died on April 10, 2011. A memorial service is being planned by the Golden Age Club. He will also be commemorated at the American Legion memorial for veterans on Sunday, May 1 at 5 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with a motion moved by Phyllis and seconded by Henry.

**Next Meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Jones, Secretary