

## **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes**

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

**Present:** Phyllis Budin, Brenda Cooley, Karen Haseley (City Liaison), Henry Haslinger, Ginny Jones, Leonie Penney, Betty Timer (Chair), David West

**Absent:** Bunny Fitzgerald, Erica Husser, Silke Pope (Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Betty Timer. The agenda was approved (moved by: Ginny, seconded by Henry). The minutes of the February 2, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed (moved by: Henry, seconded by Brenda).

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Not for Seniors Only:** The Theater Rehearsal room (202) in the Community Center is reserved for Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 1 to 3 p.m. Discussion followed with consideration of questions proposed by the committee members. It was agreed that the emphasis of the event is to gather questions and concerns about emergency situations that may occur in Greenbelt. These questions will be forwarded to the City Council with the suggestion that a brochure be prepared for distribution to city residents. The title for the event (suggested by Erica) will be The Power Is Out – What Now? with the subtitle In an emergency what questions do you ask? There may also be a table with a variety of useful objects to have on hand in case of a power outage, such as lights, crank radios, etc. The committee will discuss the flyer and posters for the event at the April 27, 2011 meeting.

**Middle School Task Force:** Brenda Cooley is serving on the Task Force and on the subcommittee for educational uses for the historic section of the Middle School. It is a complicated process. The date for submitting recommendations to the City Council is not firm.

**FORA/GAIL update:** The Law Day event on Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Center requires pre-registration by calling 301-474-8000 ext. 3002 to register.

**Widowed Persons update:** There are seven people attending the current sessions with three sessions remaining.

**Ageing in Place Expo (May 21, 2011, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) update:** There are now 27 vendors and four half-hour sessions scheduled for classrooms near the gym. The sessions are on the topics: veterans & underused benefits, fitness for over 50, reverse mortgages, and hoarding.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **City Council Work Sessions:**

David attended the work session City Council held with representatives from Franklin Park on Monday, March 7 at 8 p.m. in the City Council chambers. It was a long meeting and David distributed a summary to the SCAC members.

Betty attended the work session of the City Council with committee chairs. As part of the session each chair was asked to review the charter for the committee. Betty was surprised to find that one charge for SCAC was to "conduct an annual review of city programs related to senior citizens in accordance with the budget process". The committee agreed that Karen

Haseley submits this information annually to the City Council. It was agreed that Betty would ask the City Council to remove this charge from our charter.

**Announcement:**

Karen announced that Bill Souser, a very active senior at the Community Center, is in Doctors Hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with a motion moved by Phyllis and seconded by Brenda.

**Next Meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Jones, Secretary