

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Present: Phyllis Budin, Bunny Fitzgerald, Karen Haseley (City Liaison), Henry Haslinger, Ginny Jones, Leonie Penney, Frank Pearlman, David West

Absent: Brenda Cooley, Erica Husser, Silke Pope (Council Liaison), Betty Timer (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by vice-president Henry Haslinger in the absence of the chair Betty Timer. The agenda was approved (moved by: Phyllis, seconded by Bunny). Henry welcomed our new member, Frank Pearlman, and asked him to tell us about his interests. Frank is well known to several members of the committee as an actively involved senior at the Community Center. Frank told us that he has been living in Greenbelt for over 40 years and is interested in the arts and "in what happens to seniors". The minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed. (moved by: Phyllis, seconded by David).

OLD BUSINESS:

Not for Seniors Only: (June 4th Community Center room 202)

i) Setup/take down: Committee members will come at 12:30 to set up the room and stay after the end of the event to take down the chairs and tables.

ii) Flyer distribution: Karen distributed the stunning poster for the event created by Erica Husser. Henry Haslinger submitted an article for the May 26 issue of the News Review.

Karen has arranged for the use of the Golden Age Club microphone. Brenda needs to be asked if she will if she will write on the paper at the front of the room. Bunny volunteered to do the writing if Brenda is unavailable.

Middle School Task Force: No report. The 3 Public meetings for community input were not well attended. Karen distributed a handout summarizing the comments made by Betty Timer at one of the meetings. Karen also shared an interim report by the Middle School Task Force that outlined a variety of options using a range of parts of the building.

FORA/GAIL update: David West shared new information about the free food distribution. It starts the **fourth** Thursday in June and the distribution center will be Greenridge House for June through October. Then the distribution will be Springhill Lake Elementary School from November through next May. 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: Reminder: 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.): The event was well attended with over 200 people coming. The vendors were very happy with the participation and many said that this was the best organized event of this type that they had been in. 22 door prizes were awarded.

One Opening on SCAC: We now have a single vacancy on our committee. Members are urged to encourage candidates to apply to the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements:

Bunny announced that the Golden Age Club is purchasing a memorial bench dedicated to Bill Souser. The placement of the bench will be decided by consulting the Public Works department of Greenbelt. A memorial service will also be held by the Golden Age Club. The date has not yet been determined.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion moved by Phyllis and seconded by Bunny.

The committee does not meet in June and July and the August meeting will be the fourth Thursday rather than the last Thursday, due to Labor Day set-ups.

Next Meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Jones, Secretary