

## *Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee (SCAC)*

Wednesday February 24, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Present: Karen Haseley (City Liaison), David West (Chair), Henry Haslinger, Leonie Penney, Bunny Fitzgerald, Betty Timer, Phyllis Budin

Absent: Ginny Jones, Erica Husser, Leah Warner, Ruth Edwards, Brenda Cooley, Silke Pope (Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair David West. Due to Brenda Cooley's absence, Henry Haslinger agreed to take the minutes.

A motion was made by Betty Timer to approve the agenda, and was seconded by Henry Haslinger. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bunny Fitzgerald to approve the minutes of the January, 2010 SCAC meeting, and was seconded by Betty Timer. The motion carried.

Betty Timer announced that effective this coming Friday, February 26, 2010 she will be retiring from her position with the Montgomery County Government.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. 2010 Not For Seniors Only program. Potential topics and dates were again discussed. One topic suggested by Betty Timer that received a popular response from the other SCAC members was "Is My Memory Going?" A speaker for this topic is needed. It is possible that a speaker from Holy Cross Hospital might be available. Betty will look into this and report back to Karen Haseley. The proposed date for the program remains Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
  
- B. FORA/GAIL Update. Leonie Penney reported the following items:
  - \*GAIL has applied for a grant for caregivers' training. The money would be used to produce a video presentation that would serve as a training aid.
  - \*An "Aging in Place Exposition" is being planned for May, 2011 at the Community Center.
  - \*A support group for "differently abled" Greenbelt adults will be held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for eight weeks. The starting date will be sometime this Spring, but an exact date has not been announced yet.
  - \*March 31, 2010 is the deadline for people with physical disabilities to apply for grants for the purpose of making modifications to their homes. There is no income limit for applicants.
  - \*Free diabetes education classes will be offered at Green Ridge House, on four consecutive Tuesdays from March 9 to March 30, 2010. Each session begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Call Denico Settle at 301-925-7040 for more details.

- C. Widowed Persons Update. Leonie reported that the next support group starts on Thursday, April 8 and continues until Thursday, May 13, 2010. The group will meet from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rexford Place in Lanham, MD.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A work session with the Greenbelt City Council, for all of the City's Advisory chairs, will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010 in the Council Chambers. David West will represent the SCAC.
- B. Announcements:
  - 1. Karen announced that the Greenbelt Connection will provide transportation to blind people who wish to attend the meetings of the newly formed Prince George's County chapter of the National Federation of the Blind. The meetings are held in Bowie on the fourth Saturday of every month between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
  - 2. The next SCAC meeting will be held on March 31, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Without a motion being made, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Henry Haslinger