

Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee (SCAC)

Wednesday March 31, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Present: Karen Haseley (City Liaison), David West (Chair), Phyllis Budin, Brenda Cooley, Bunny Fitzgerald, Henry Haslinger, Erica Husser, Ginny Jones, Leah Warner

Absent: Ruth Edwards, Leonie Penney, Silke Pope (Council Liaison), Betty Timer

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair David West. Brenda Cooley asked if someone would take minutes for her and Ginny Jones volunteered to do so. Karen Haseley distributed a packet of information to the committee members for various agenda items.

A motion was made by Bunny Fitzgerald to approve the agenda, and was seconded by Ginny Jones. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Leah Warner to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 SCAC meeting, and was seconded by Erica Husser. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2010 Not For Seniors Only program. An email from Betty Timer gave a contact person (Mary Bulla Sanchez) at Holy Cross Hospital and Karen Haseley is following up with Mary on a speaker for "Is My Memory Going?" as the program. Erica Husser suggested that someone from the University of Maryland which also has a program for seniors' health issues could be a backup resource. Karen pointed out that the program needs to be set by our April 28th meeting so that we can distribute flyers in the community. 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 Karen Haseley distributed a report from Christal Batey for GAIL programs through the summer – including A Greenbelt Wellness Tour May 26, 2010 at the Community Center, sponsored by AARP and Walgreens that will offer free health screenings to adults 18 and older. Attendees who are 50 and older will receive a one year free membership in AARP with current members receiving a certificate for a 1 year extension on their membership.

The Greenbelt Caregiver Support Group has a new meeting time and location. They will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. in the 2nd floor City Council Chamber in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt.

Ask the Expert Cable Show will present How to Stop Smoking on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Green Ridge House – 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt.

Free Weatherization Assistance is accepting applications for the free purchase and installation of energy conservation materials in homes. There are income limits and more information is available at the PG County Dept. of Housing at 301-883-5491.

The Free Summer Produce Give Away starts on Thursday, June 25, 2010 at Green Ridge House. All residents interested in registering may contact the GAIL office at 301-345-6660 ext. 2021.

C. Guard rail at Sunoco and underpass Karen distributed an email from City Manager Michael McLaughlin stating that a guard rail exists “on both sides of Crescent Road by the underpass at the Sunoco station”. After some discussion of whether the existing guard rails were sufficient, Ginny Jones volunteered to take photos of the guard rails and email them to Karen.

D. Metro proposed changes and information. Committee members received a large set of information on the proposed Metro changes that could have a deleterious effect on Seniors and users of Metro Access, along with many other Greenbelt residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. A work session with the Greenbelt City Council, for all of the City’s Advisory chairs, was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 in the Council Chambers. Betty Timer represented the SCAC. She mentioned our open forum and Not for Seniors Only program, which received favorable comments from other participants. One committee has created a vision statement and Betty asked if our committee would be interested in creating a vision statement. After Karen read us our purpose from the City Council's creation of our committee, the committee agreed that no vision statement is needed.

B. Announcements:

1. Karen is looking into having diabetes education classes (4 sessions similar to those held at Green Ridge House) at the Community Center.
2. The next SCAC meeting will be held on April 28, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Jones