

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

Wednesday November 19, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ruth Edwards, Bunny Fitzgerald, Karen Haseley (City Liason), Henry Haslinger, Ginny Jones (Chair), Elizabeth Kibler, Leonie Penney, Betty Timer, David West, Leah Warner

Absent: Booker Hughes, Pearl Siegel

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Ginny Jones (Chair).

The Agenda was read. Followed by a motion for approval by Betty Timer, and a second by Leonie Penney, the Agenda was approved.

The minutes were reviewed for necessary corrections. A motion for approval with necessary corrections was made, seconded by Leah Warner, and unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Senior Open Forum Update-We were informed by Karen Haseley that there is already a horse shoe pit located behind the Fitness Center adjacent to Braden Field. There is some concern on staff's part about putting in a storage box. After some further discussion, on the recommendations in the Senior Open Forum report, it was decided to leave it as written. Betty Timer made a motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Leah Warner.
- B. FORA Update- Leonie Penney was pleased to announce two new GAIL Program Initiatives:
  1. On November 1, 2008 the Gail Program Office launched the Accessible Housing Program. This new program is funded by the Prince George's County Block Grant Program. Applications are currently being accepted for accessibility items, free installation and modifications for Seniors and adults with disabilities. The applicants' income must not exceed \$ 43,050.00 (singles), and \$ 49,200.00 for (couples). Applications are available at the GAIL Office, or by going online to the City website: [www.greenbletmd.gov](http://www.greenbletmd.gov). The deadline is Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at 4:00 pm
  2. The City of Greenbelt in conjunction with the National League of Cities and Caremark will offer Greenbelt Prescription Discount Cards. The cards will be available in 2009 from the GAIL Office, and other locations in Greenbelt. Residents who receive the GAIL Guide will receive their cards along with the January edition or the April edition. Additional information will be available in the near future.
- C. Patuxent Widows Support Update-The 2009 Support Group Sessions will begin on April 16th and continue through May 21, 2009.

- D. Greenbelt Disabilities Connection-On November 16, 2008, Karen Haseley (City Liaison) and Konrad Herling (City Councilman) met with the Group where 30 persons were in attendance. This Group is becoming very active in transportation issues affecting the City's disabled citizens. Heading their agenda was the newly proposed plans for routing on The F Bus line. Interested persons should go online to the City's website and click on transportation for further information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Announcements- The SCAC will not meet during the month of December. However, it was suggested that we consider some Senior issues to be discussed at our future meetings. Among the suggested topics were: Available Legal Help for Seniors and better ways of informing our citizens about environmental issues.
- B. Other topics included:
- 1- A speaker from the City's Public Works will speak for us on the Buddy Attick Lake problems.
  - 2- More effective ways of publicizing new GAIL Initiatives.
  - 3- Pedestrian Workshop-Plans for Spring Walks to coincide with the Pedestrian Cycle plan. Betty Timer would like for us to plan it so that the Spring Walks coincide with Greenbelt Weekend on June 6-7 as a part of the "Get Active" Program.
- C. Inquiries were made regarding the health of Booker Hughes. Ginny agreed to send him a card.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David West (in the absence of the Secretary)