

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Proceedings- Tuesday, September, 27, 2016

Present: Bunny Fitzgerald, Phyllis Budin, Karen Haseley (City Liaison), Betty Timer (Chair), Henry Haslinger, Frank Pearlman, Bernard Robbs, David West, Paula Williams (Chair-Elect). Absent: Brenda Cooley, Janet Grotke. Visitors: Rev. Rary Rascy, and Mrs. Rive Sewell-Rascy from Franklin Park, and Jean Snyder.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair (Betty Timer) at 3:32 p. m. David West was appointed to act as secretary. The first order of business was the call for a motion to officially open the Meeting. After a motion by Frank Pearlman and seconded by Henry Haslinger. The Minutes were read and approved.

Old Business

A. FORA- Karen informed us that the GAIL Memory Café is now open to accept people who are experiencing memory challenges. However, the next schedule has not been re-scheduled. Interested persons should call the GAIL Office (240-542-2029) to inquire about the next available session meeting dates.

B. GAIL REPORT- The Melon Give Away was held this past Monday. There are currently two Home Nursing Care slots open. The Home Nursing Care Staff 's services for Seniors depend on the number of student nurses available to assist Seniors with disabilities.

C. Widowed Persons Support Group-Frank Pearlman reported that the Group now has six persons meeting at the Bowie Health Center.

D. Update on Aging Week- Karen stated that the Holy Cross Exercises are free on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:45 a. m.. Seniors ages 50-75 are urged to participate.

Open Forum-Sharon Johnson (Greenbelt GAIL Office) will speak. The GAIL Office welcomes Tom Patota as a new part-time employee in the GAIL Office. He has CARES experience, co-leads the Memory and Caregivers' Support Group, and clinical consultations with the Green Ridge House residents. He can be reached at 301-345-6660 ext. 2038.

F. Betty Timer informed us that she attended a meeting with Jo Ellen Werle who is retiring, and will be returning and will be providing information for Seniors. Also, the City of Greenbelt has plans to fill a new Senior Citizen Manager, and the person must be a Greenbelt citizen. Also, the National Occurring Community (NRRC) will be providing grants for the Assistance in Living Program. Paula also had attended a meeting that focused on grants for the City also. This interests our Golden Agers and other service groups.

G. Election of the 2016-17 Officers- Paula Williams will serve as Chair starting in November, 2016. Henry Haslinger was approved to serve as Chair for 2017-18.

H. Bernard Robbs shared some of the issues the Green Ridge House residents are experiencing. He requested the need for more Advocacy for the residents living there. Karen suggested that he should bring some of the residents to our meeting to express their concerns for discussion. A suggestion was made that he invite the Green Ridge House residents to share their concerns at our Open Forum on Saturday, October 8th.

I. Announcements. The Senior Health Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th from 10:00 a. m.-2:00 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Food Distribution continues at the Green Ridge House on October 27th at 2:30 p.m. Effective November 3rd, Food Distribution begins at Springhill Lake School at 2:30 p. m. Due to school activities, please enter the school by the Front Office, turn left and go to the next hall. Turn right and proceed to the Gym to pick up the food.

Effective Nov. 3, Food Distribution will take place at the Springhill Lake School at 2:30 p. m. If the weather is poor, food may be picked up starting at 2:15 p. m. Due to school activities, please enter the school by the Front Office. Then, turn left and follow to the next hall, turn right and continue to the Gym. Food Distribution will continue at the Springhill Lake School until the first Thursday of May, 2017.

The GAIL Office has informed us that Free Flu Shots will be available at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 1:00 p. m.- 7:00 p. m.

For Seniors Only-the Old Greenbelt Theater shows Free Movies on the First Mondays of each month at 1:00 p. m.