

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Present: Marti Galvin (Secy), Henry Haslinger, Elisabeth Kevorkian, Iona G. King, Frank Pearlman, Carol Shaw, Betty Timer (Chair), Mary Wade, Becky Sutfin (City Liaison), Silke Pope (City Council Member), and Anne Oudemans, soon to be Acting City Liaison.

Absent: Temitope Adeyeye, Warren Wilcox

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Betty Timer. No guests were present.

Becky Sutfin announced her resignation and introduced Anne Oudemans, Recreation Department, Assistant Director of Programs. Anne will be taking over all the tasks Becky did for SCAC. Of course, we all expressed our sadness over Becky's departure and wished her luck in all her endeavors.

The **Agenda** had one correction ("Next Meeting will be on **Tuesday**, September 20,") and one addition (Section 8.c. A discussion of "WALKTOBER", added by Betty Timer.) The Agenda was then approved with these changes, moved by Elisabeth Kevorkian and seconded by Henry Haslinger. The **Minutes** of the May meeting were approved with two corrections: under "Old Business, NFSO section, para. 10"—the second sentence "Temi volunteered..." was moved to its own paragraph. The minutes were approved with this change, moved by Carol Shaw and seconded by Henry Haslinger.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Not For Seniors Only: 6/4/2022, Creative Connections During the Time of Covid

The Committee was very happy with the event and gave positive feedback, including praising our topic, our efforts in organizing this event and the results, which enhanced everyone's joy both then and now!

NEW BUSINESS

Virtual ZOOM Meetings: Betty conducted a committee member preference poll regarding our meeting format, virtual vs. zoom. The majority felt Zoom is the better option for now. The committee will re-evaluate this option in February and possibly begin in-person meetings in Spring, 2023. Anne Oudemans will send out the monthly meeting link with the agenda and minutes. Anne and Betty will collaborate on the agenda items.

GAIL Updates: Becky will email a flier regarding an event on memory issues.

Food Distribution: The next distribution date will be September 15, 2022.

Open Forum: Saturday, September 24, 2022

The next event sponsored by SCAC is a community meeting where Greenbelt residents share what they like about Greenbelt and what changes they would suggest to make Greenbelt a better place to live. Last year's virtual presentation was attended by 34 people. SCAC then selects three of the most vital suggestions and sends City Council recommendations related to the three issues.

This event will again be in virtual format and held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 1 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. There will be a registration feature through Sign-Up Genius. Residents will register and get a zoom link invitation through Anne. Becky will make a flier available for this event and committee members may pick them up at the Community Center by September 9, 2022 for distribution. SCAC members chose their preferred sites for distribution, both hard copy and electronic modes.

A copy of the completed Open Forum 2022 Planning Sheet is attached.

Walktober: In a recent AARP magazine, Betty saw an article that discussed the benefits of walking and pertinent safety features. AARP sponsors a national day of walking and Betty thought Greenbelt should join in. Greenbelt has its own October HUG walk organized by Robert Goldberg-Strassler; Betty & Robert agreed that they would work on getting Greenbelt registered as a participating city, but that it might not happen this year. Betty told us about another program in which she participated, Walking With Ease, sponsored by an arthritis association. She went through a long training session (first aid, chapter book review and then walking around Greenbelt after each class.) Betty felt that it was very informative and helpful; her walking group was together for an extended time. They had applied for grant money to cover expenses.

OTHER

Ballot Drop Boxes: Iona King was distressed that there were no Ballot Drop Boxes in Greenbelt for the recent County Election. She was told that the Board of Elections were short staffed, and other sites (College Park & Hyattsville) were more central and close to Greenbelt. Betty said that this would be a great topic for our upcoming Open Forum event. Also, Betty suggested that Iona call and talk to our City Clerk, Bonita Anderson, as well as the County Board of Elections to start the process for getting a Ballot Drop Box for Greenbelt.

Next Meeting: ZOOM - Tuesday, September 20, 2022 (3rd Tuesday) at 3:30 P.M.

Adjournment: At 4:31 P.M., Betty called for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Henry Haslinger.

Respectfully submitted, Marti Galvin, Secretary

Attachment (1)