

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Present: Temitope Adeyeye, Marti Galvin (Secy), Henry Haslinger, Elisabeth Kevorkian, Iona G. King, Frank Pearlman, Betty Timer (Chair), Mary Wade, and Anne Oudemans, Acting City Liaison.

Absent: Carol Shaw, Silke Pope (City Council Member)

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Chair Betty Timer. No guests were present.

The **Agenda** was approved, motion for approval made by Marti Galvin, seconded by Iona King.

The **Minutes** of the August 2022 meeting were approved, motion for approval made by Mary Wade, seconded by Iona King.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

GAIL Updates: Betty reported that the September Food Distribution was cleared out! There were many people walking to get food and carrying children, a clear demonstration of how important this service is.

Food Distribution: The next distribution date will be October 20, 2022.

Free Vaccine Clinic: Anne Odudemans passed along information from Sharon Johnson.

There will be a free Vaccine Clinic on

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at the Community Center, lower level, from
10 A.M. thru 2 P.M., and on

Thursday, October 6, 2022 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center from
Noon thru 7 P.M.

Memory Café: There will be a Memory Café for those needing this support, with care givers, on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Care Giver Support: there will be virtual care giver support meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 P.M.

For both the Memory Café and the Care Giver Support Group, Sharon Johnson is the contact person and there is pre-registration required for both groups.

Holiday Food Boxes: GAIL is sponsoring a Holiday Food Distribution in November and December. More details will soon become available and Sharon Johnson is the contact person for this also.

Open Forum: Saturday, September 24, 2022, 1 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Betty asked committee members if all had registered and all had. Mary Wade and Betty had used the QR registration technique. Mary held her smart phone QR reader up to the square on the flier and a link to the registration site appeared. She filled it in but wasn't sure that she was registered. Betty said she had received confirmation after registering thru the QR tool.

The Open Forum virtual link will go out to all participants on Friday. Chris Cherry will serve as our event host on Saturday, letting people into the meeting and recognizing those who choose to speak. Marti Galvin and Elizabeth Kevorkian will take notes for this event. At our next meeting on October 25th, we will look over the issues, choose the three that we feel most speak to the needs of our Greenbelt community and then send our recommendations to the City Council. There was a question as to whether we should record the meeting. Henry said that the recording helped us at times in determining who said exactly what. There are more benefits to recording than drawbacks. A vote was taken and all agreed that we should record Open Forum 2022.

Chris Cherry will open the meeting and hand it over to Betty. She will welcome everyone and explain the format. Chris will choose the people to talk. So far, 15 people have registered. Betty complimented Henry on his News Review article, "great job!", and lamented that the News Review had given us substantial press. Maybe NR will allow more information previously provided in their September 22nd issue. Committee members should arrive at the meeting at about 12:45 P.M.

Nominations for Officers:

Chair: Carol Shaw, formerly the Chair Elect has agreed to be Chairperson.

Chair Elect: vacant

Secretary: It was decided that each member would take a month for reporting:

September – Marti

October – Marti

November – Henry

December – no meeting

January – Betty

February – Mary

March – Elizabeth with Betty for backup

April – Iona

May – Marti

June & July – NO meetings

August – Temi

Other

Guests: Iona had asked Betty if Tom Adams could sit in on a meeting. Betty misunderstood and thought Iona was asking that he make a presentation. This was not the case and Betty apologized and said that all are welcome in our meetings any time. They simply need to get the link to join.

Advisory Board/Committee Dinner: to be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022, 5 P.M. – 8 P.M. in the Community Center. RSVP by October 3, 2022. Betty explained to new committee members that the food is very delicious and it is a time when Advisory Committee Chairpersons introduce their committee members. Awards are given for length of service in committee work and special recognitions are given.

Space Study Results: Anne told us that a contractor has completed a space analysis of Greenbelt buildings and needs. The results will be presented at a City Council meeting on September 27th, at 7:30 P.M. The Community Center may have classrooms converted to office space, taking away rooms now being used by Seniors. Citizens may attend in person, virtually or view the recording. The acquisition of the Armory is being considered by both City Council and the County Fire Department. Elizabeth said that she participated in tutoring for a few weeks and noted that the rooms are used all the time. Having them taken over will be a real hardship for many of the groups used to meeting in City spaces. Betty stated that, "...some rooms need to stay as they are!"

City Representative: Henry inquired about the health of Silke, our Council representative. She is due for an operation of her eye due to stroke damage but is attending Council meetings. Anne said that the City Council values input from all advisory committees and the absence of a representative at our meetings does not diminish the value of our efforts.

Next Meeting: ZOOM - Tuesday, **October 25, 2022** at 3:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted, Marti Galvin, Secretary