

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes

May 30, 2023

Present: Betty Timer, Marti Galvin, Mary Wade (Chair Elect), Tissa Rogers (Secretary), Carol Shaw (Chair)

Absent: Iona King (unexcused), Amber Hall (excused)

Guests: Bill Orleans joined the meeting at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by Carol Shaw. A correction was made to the spelling of Ed Haslinger's last name as it was incorrectly spelled in the April minutes. Elizabeth Kevorkian requested that in order to be consistent an 's' be added to the senior lunch program description so that it read that lunch is provided on 'Mondays and Fridays'. Minutes were approved unanimously. Marti Galvin made the motion and Elizabeth Kevorkian seconded it.

The proposed agenda for May 30, 2023 was amended to add 'Terminated Committee Members' under Old Business. Betty Timer made the motion and Mary Wade seconded it.

Old Business:

Not for Seniors Only: Final preparations continued for the June 3rd seminar. Carol Shaw will introduce both speakers and provide a brief bio. Carol also indicated that she had spoken with the AARP speaker, Karen Morgan and that she plans to arrive at 12:30 pm. Golden Age Club members have agreed to arrive at 12:15 pm and set up the microphone so that a mike test can be done at 12:30 pm when she arrives. The AARP speaker is also providing 75 brochures that attendees can take with them to further describe how AARP helps members prevent being scammed. SCAC members should arrive by 12:30 pm to assist in any setup tasks that need to be done.

Many thanks to Mary Moien in her assistance with including articles of the seminar in the Greenbelt News Review.

An evaluation form for attendees has been developed and will be collected at the conclusion of the seminar. The evaluation form not only asks attendees how they felt about the current seminar but asks what kind of seminars they would like to see in the future. The form also collects information of where in Greenbelt attendees live so that future events can include additional marketing in lower represented areas.

An exact count of the number of attendees was not available as Amber Hall was not at the meeting. The SCAC is planning for approximately 75 attendees.

Officier Rahman of the Greenbelt Police Department (GPD) has been contacted and provided with specific topics for his presentation.

Terminated Committee Members:

Inactive Committee members have received letters from the City Clerk's office terminating their membership in the SCAC.

New Business:

Open Forum for 2023 discussion:

The SCAC is hosting the annual Open Forum on September 23, 2023 to gather input from residents on what issues they would like to see addressed in Greenbelt. After the Forum, a report is prepared and delivered to the City Council for their review and action. Tissa Rogers will confirm with Amber Hall that room 201 of the Community Center has been reserved for this event.

In August, articles will be in the Greenbelt News Review announcing the event and providing specifics of where and when.

SCAC meetings are not held in June and July. The next meeting of the SCAC will be held on August 22, 2023 to finalize the event preparations.

GAIL Updates:

Food Distribution: Food distributions continue to be well attended. Future distributions are planned for June 15, July 20 and August 17, weather permitting.

Franklin Square is also hosting food distributions but their distributions are limited to their residents and a pre registration is required before receiving food. This is beneficial to the residents of Franklin Square who do not have access to transportation to attend the food distributions at the Community Center.

Lunch Programs: Senior lunch programs continue to be well attended with 20-25 people having lunch. Since the lunch program has stabilized, it was announced that the lunch will be expanded to three days a week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) beginning in July. The exact date has not yet been determined.

Recently there has been an issue with the County not providing the menus in a timely fashion. Often the regular menu will be provided and the Vegetarian one will not or vice versa. Staff is working to address these issues.

Other-anything for the good of the committee: Bill Orleans indicated that WMATA is planning on addressing the City Council on new proposed bus routes in Greenbelt. He indicated that several of these new proposed routes are not friendly to senior residents as it moves bus stops farther away from areas where seniors reside. Bill wanted to make sure that the SCAC was aware of the proposed route changes and that a member of the SCAC attend the Council meeting where WMATA presents their proposed route changes.

Betty Timer presented an article from the Greenbelt News Review on the proposed 55+ condominiums to be built on Greenbelt Road on the site of the old nursing home. The developer MOTIVA made a presentation to the

City Council on their proposed development plan. SCAC would like to be notified of future presentations so that a committee member can attend.

The next meeting of the SCAC is scheduled for August 22, 2023 rather than the last Thursday of the month, August 29, due to the Labor Day Festival set up making finding parking difficult.

Betty Timer made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Elizabeth Kevorkian seconded it. Adjournment was approved unanimously.