

## Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 18, 2015

### **SCAC Members Present:**

Betty Timer (Chair)  
Henry Haslinger (Secretary of the month)  
Paula Williams (Chair-elect)  
Bunny Fitzgerald  
David West  
Frank Pearlman  
Brenda Cooley

### **SCAC Members Not Present:**

Oyinkansola Odebo  
Phyllis Budin  
Edward Hickey

### **Also Present:**

Karen Haseley (City Liaison)  
Silke Pope (Council Liaison)  
Bill Orleans (Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by the new Chair, Betty Timer.

**1. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda for this evening's meeting was approved, following a motion made by Paula Williams and seconded by Brenda Cooley.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the September meeting were approved, following a motion made by David West and seconded by Bunny Fitzgerald. (There was not a quorum at the October meeting, so the minutes from the September meeting could not be approved at the October meeting. The minutes from the October meeting were then approved as corrected, following a motion by Paula Williams that was seconded by Brenda Cooley.

### **3. Old Business**

**a. Open Forum Report:** There was additional review and discussion of the report at tonight's meeting, and the committee decided that further review and discussion of the report is needed, before finalizing it. Council Liaison Silke Pope recommended first submitting the final report to City Manager Mike McLaughlin, before sending the report to other City staff.

**b. FORA/GAIL Update:** The "Red & Gold Senior Holiday Gala" is being held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Martin's Crosswinds, here in Greenbelt. Registration for the gala will be held on one day only, December 8, 2015, via telephone.

**c. Widowed Persons Update:** The winter sessions, to be held during daytime hours, will begin in February. The sessions will take place in Bowie.

#### **d. Elections:**

**i. Chair-elect** -- Paula Williams agreed to serve as the new Chair-elect.

**ii. Secretary** – No one on the committee is willing to serve as the full-time secretary for this term. As a solution to this situation, each committee member has agreed to take their turn as secretary for each of the monthly meetings. Henry Haslinger took his turn as the "secretary of the month" at the November meeting. For the January meeting, the secretary is yet to be determined.

### **4. New Business**

**a. New day and/or time for SCAC meetings** – To enable attendance by more SCAC members at the monthly meetings, there was a discussion amongst the members to see if more of us could attend more meetings by moving the meeting time to the

afternoon, and perhaps to a different day. The majority of the SCAC agreed that starting the meetings at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays would be better than the current 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The time/day change will begin with the January meeting.

## **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. “It’s a Wonderful Life”:** Karen Haseley announced that tickets to see this show are still available.

**b. Old Medicines:** Council Liaison Silke Pope commented that while she was in Nashville to attend the National League of Cities conference, there was a vendor who was selling metal containers into which people could deposit their expired medicines. With regard to the process by which these medicines would be handled and disposed of, after a customer drops them off, Ms. Pope expressed the opinion that this process was not secure enough.

**c. New Fees:** Bill Orleans, a guest at tonight’s meeting, advised the SCAC that Prince George’s County will be imposing a \$0.25 fee per ride on taxi services provided by the Uber and Lyft taxi cabs. Mr. Orleans suggested that perhaps a member of the SCAC would want to attend meetings relevant to deciding how these new fees will be spent, in order to lobby for using the fees to improve transportation services for seniors.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.**

At 8:52 p.m., Bunny Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Henry Haslinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Henry Haslinger*