

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Minutes Monday, August 19, 2013, 7:30pm

Present: Brenda Cooley, Bunny Fitzgerald, Karen Haseley (City Liaison), Edward Hickey, Ginny Jones (Chair), Betty Timer

Not in Attendance: Phyllis Budin, Henry Haslinger, Oyinkansola Odebo, Frank Pearlman, Silke Pope, Paula Williams (Chair Elect), David West

The minutes and agenda was submitted to the members that were present by chair, Ginny Jones. They could not be approved because the meeting lacked a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **June 1, *Not For Seniors Only :Love Letter*** was considered a great success. Over 100 citizens attended. It was felt the topic, speaker, and lawyer were excellent.
- **Flora/Gail updates:**
 - the next produce distribution is August 22 at Greenridge House
 - the August Vision Van assisted 700 Greenbelt residents
 - Homeowners property tax deadline is September 1
 - Names are now being accepted for the fall Community Nursing Program
- **Widowed Persons** will be this fall at the Greenbelt Community Center.
- **Memorial Service** for Leonie Penney, a former member of this Committee, was attended by some of the members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Open Forum- Saturday, Sept. 28, 1:00-2:30, Community Center #201**
 - **Poster** was reviewed and accepted. The following members are delivering them: **Bunny**- Greenbriar & Community Church, **Paula**- Windsor Green, **Brenda**- Roosevelt Center, **Henry**- Franklin Park, **Frank**- Synagogue, **Karen**- Rec. Department and Greenridge House, **Ginny**- GHI. Pick up will be in the Community Center office. **Distribution will be September 8- 12.**
 - **News Review** Betty will submit the article about the event for the September 19th edition. Karen will have the City advertise in the 19th and 26th editions.
 - **Invitations for Council and City Department** will be handled by Karen.
 - **Day of Event** Ginny is M.C., Phyllis works the sign in table, Bunny and Karen take notes, & Betty charts the topics.

- **Active Aging Week September 23 – 28**
 - The tentative schedule was given to the members. Many selections were discussed. The Fashion Show on Wed., Sept. 25 was highlighted.

Report from City Manager, Michael McLaughlin, regarding last years Open Forum follows:

1. "Publicize guidelines for transportation - an article will be written on this topic in an upcoming Greenbelt newsletter. We regularly have more information than space in the quarterly newsletter, but will look for an opportunity.

2. Investigate and advertise County policies for donations at Senior Nutrition Program. I will leave that to you (Karen) to handle.

3. Enforce noise ordinances at public events - city has monitored events over the years. None of them have been found to violate the city's noise ordinance. There have been claims that events such as the Labor Day Festival violates federal noise standards. According to our understanding, it does not. The standard which has been cited is a work place standard which is largely based on extended exposure to high level of noise that does not apply to Labor Day. Also people are not required to attend public events, they do so at their own choosing."

Announcements: Anyone interested in attending the Kennedy Center's *NSO Pops: Cirque de la Symphonie* needs to sign up quickly!

Next Meeting –September 30, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

The chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Timer