

Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee (SCAC)

Wednesday April 29, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Present: Bunny Fitzgerald, Karen Haseley (City Liaison), Henry Haslinger, Ginny Jones (Chair), Leonie Penney, David West, Betty Timer, Leah Warner, Phyllis Budin, Brenda Cooley (visitor); Harriet Phelps (visitor)

Absent: Leta Mach (Council Liaison), Ruth Edwards

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Ginny Jones.

A motion was made by Leah Warner to approve the agenda, and was seconded by Betty Timer. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Henry Haslinger to approve the minutes of the March, 2009 SCAC meeting, and was seconded by Bunny Fitzgerald. The motion carried.

Phyllis Budin was welcomed back to the SCAC as a new member. This is Phyllis' second stint on the committee.

Karen Haseley advised the committee that Elizabeth Kibler had submitted her resignation from the committee, due to health issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. A memorial service for Pearl Siegel will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2009 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- B. New SCAC members are still needed. Relevant to this, a prospective member of the SCAC, Brenda Cooley, was in attendance at tonight's meeting. She has submitted her application, and is awaiting formal approval by the City Council.
- C. Not For Seniors Only: This year's event will be held on June 6, 2009 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Phyllis Budin and Brenda Cooley volunteered to co-write an article to publicize the event, and it is to be published in the May 28, 2009 issue of the Greenbelt News Review. Betty Timer volunteered to prepare a flyer to further publicize the event.

The main speaker will be Chris Danielson, from the Federation for the Blind. He will give a presentation on how the silence of hybrid cars can be a hazard to blind pedestrians. Also, a representative from the Greenbelt Police Department will give a presentation on pedestrian safety. Afterwards, interested attendees will take a walk on a route designed by Ginny Jones and Bunny Fitzgerald, to identify potential trouble spots.

- D. FORA/GAIL Update:

1. Applications are now being accepted by GAIL for the position of “Geriatric Case Manager”. It is hoped that the person selected for this position will be in place by July 1, 2009.
 2. An “Ask the Expert” program will be taped at the Green Ridge House on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. An “expert” from the Washington Adventist Hospital will speak on the topic of “Bone and Joint Health”.
- E. Widowed Persons Update: No update this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. At her request, visitor Harriet Phelps made a brief pitch for “Enviro Sacks”, a reusable bag that can be used instead of plastic or paper bags. She also spoke of the possibility of senior citizens being allowed to share one of the garden plots owned by GHI or the City of Greenbelt, and administered by the Greenbelt Garden Club.
- B. Greenbelt Center Post Office: Leonie Penney declared that this post office needs to be publicized more; that the scope of services being offered is too limited; and that the hours of operation are too complicated. Leonie made a motion to have the SCAC strongly recommend that this post office remain open. Leah Warner seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- C. Announcements:
 1. Jim Williamson passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2009.
 2. The next SCAC meeting will be held on May 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:32 p.m., Phyllis Budin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Betty Timer seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry Haslinger