Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Nov. 3 2005 at the Troy Community Center. Chair JoAnn Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Present: JoAnn Thompson, Chair
Bud Black, Member
Merrill Dixon, Member
Jo Rhoads, Member
Pauline Noce, Member
James Berar, Member
David Ogg, Member
Carla Vaughan, Staff

JoAnn Thompson announced that Marie Hoag has resigned.

Absent: None

Visitors: Paula Fleming, Red Hughes

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2005-11-001
Moved by Jo Rhoads
Seconded by James Berar

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Oct. 6, 2005 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 7
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Visitor Comments

Paula Fleming announced that there will be a reception for newly appointed Superintendent of Schools Barbara Fowler at Athens High School on November 10 from 3-5 pm. Two students at Troy High School got perfect scores on the ACT test. She also announced several upcoming craft shows.

Red Hughes announced that he is a write-in candidate for City Council.

Old Business

Shuffleboard and Bocce Ball: Merrill Dixon reported that two shuffleboard and two bocce courts will be built at the Community Center, probably in the spring of 2006. Carla reported that the department is in the process of taking bids for this project and it probably will have to go before Council.

Catering Service at the Community Center: Carla provided copies on the catering contract and the committee discussed possible changes to recommend. It was decided to send a copy

of the letter that they sent to City Council in September to the Council again adding that they are awaiting a response. They will also copy the letter to the Parks and Recreation Director.

Lunch Room Rules: Carla reported that Emerald has agreed to allow treats any day. The revised rules are now posted.

New Business

Change of Meeting Time: Carla reported that she checked east entrance handicapped parking at 10 a.m. and 1 pm each day for a week during October. All spaces were in use at both times with the following exceptions: On Monday, one space was open at 10 a.m., and on Tuesday, two spaces were open at 1 p.m. The earlier two-week survey checked the spaces at 9:30 a.m. and 1 pm and found the east spaces filled only three times.

Resolution # SC-2005-11-002
Moved by David Ogg
Seconded by Merrill Dixon

RESOLVED, That the Committee will change their meeting time to 1 p.m.

Yes: 7
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Merrill Dixon suggested canceling the December meeting. The Committee voted 5 to 2 in favor of meeting in December.

Reports

Park Board: Merrill Dixon reported on shuffleboard (see old business) and the new pathways at the Civic Center.

Medi-Go: Jo Rhoads reported that she attended a session in Lansing to ask legislators not to cut funding for transportation for elderly and handicapped.

Senior Program: Carla reported that 1600 flu shots were administered at the Nov. 1 clinic at the Community Center. The health department reduced the number of outreach clinics from 25 to 7 this year. The senior store had their biggest day ever that day - $675 in sales. Carla contacted the Troy Times and has the email address of a reporter who will include senior program information in the Community Briefs section. They do not want to initiate a “Senior Briefs” at this time. Massage therapy is very popular. Only in it’s second month, the days it is offered has been doubled and all sessions are full. There are 52 people signed up for leaf raking. Troy People Concerned has 130 volunteers lined up.

OLHSA: Jo Rhoads reported that there was a speaker on the use of inhalers.

Oakland County Senior Advisory Board: Jo Rhoads reported that they have compiled an excellent service directory and that they are looking for a corporate sponsor to print the directory.

Suggestion Box: Carla reported that there was one unsigned suggestion asking for a clock by the therapy pool. There are three clocks in the pool area and the pool staff feels that this is sufficient. The suggestion was not signed, so we cannot ask for more information.

Comments: A discussion was held about the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program, and the Committee would like Carla to provide as much information as possible to Troy seniors and to try to have some enrollment dates at the Troy Community Center.

Mr. Berar suggested announcing the coming of the bocce and shuffleboard courts in the next senior newsletter.

JoAnn Thompson announced that Jo Rhoads is attending a lot of meetings and maybe some other committee members would like to share the responsibility.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Thompson, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary