

## Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Oct. 6 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  
Carla Vaughan, Staff

Marie Hoag, Member  
James Berar, Member  
David Ogg, Member

**Absent:** Pauline Noce, Member excused, Jo Rhoads, Member excused

**Visitors:** Paula Fleming, Millicent Evanoff

**Approval of Minutes**

Resolution # SC-2005-10-001  
Moved by Merrill Dixon  
Seconded by Bud Black

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Sept. 1, 2005 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Visitor Comments**

Paula Fleming discussed the Troy High construction, the Terrace Café at Athens High School and the possibility of Barbara Fowler becoming the new superintendent of schools.

Millicent Evanoff announced a Comerica Bank seminar coming up at the Troy Community Center.

**Old Business**

**Shuffleboard and Bocce Ball:** Merrill reported that the Park Board did not meet in September, but he spoke to Carol Anderson who said that money is budgeted for the project. JoAnn would like to know if the matter has to go before council and if so, when, so members can attend. David Ogg quoted a newspaper article stating that Sterling Heights just spent \$10,000 to build bocce courts. Merrill asked what the response has been to the Friday program at the Palace di Bocce. Carla will check.

**Catering Service at the Community Center:** JoAnn Thompson reiterated that many non-profit groups do not have money for a caterer and are not using the caterer. Therefore, allowing these groups to bring snacks in would have little effect on the caterer's revenue. Emerald's position that the groups who don't have money can meet somewhere else, and thus

free up the rooms for groups that do have money, is not the way the Community Center should be run. Stu Alderman commented last year that allowing groups to bring in snacks would decrease the City’s portion of Emerald’s revenue, but the Committee contends that this amount would also be negligible. James Berar asked to see a copy of the contract so the committee can make specific suggestions for change. Carla will provide copies for next month’s meeting.

**Handicap Parking:** Two members reported that the handicap parking was full again this morning at the east (banquet) entrance. Carla reported that the building supervisor conducted a survey to check usage every day for two weeks at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. At no time were all the spaces at the Community Center full, and the number of handicap spaces exceeds the number required. Based on these findings, there does not appear to be a need to increase the number of handicap spaces. Carla reported that TOPS, a large senior group, meets in room 303 every Thursday morning and that is probably why the spaces are full. The committee discussed changing their meeting time to 1 pm. Carla will check room availability and handicap parking availability at 1 p.m.

**Troy Daze:** Marie Hoag reported that the drivers did a great job. They had bingo with lots of prizes and coffee and donuts, but no lunch. Some had trouble finding the exact location of the event.

**New Business**

**Annual Report:** The committee discussed the senior citizen program annual report for FY 04/05, specifically the expenses for water aerobics, declining number for the lunches, and the newsletter distribution.

**Lunch Room Rules:** Carla handed out a copy of the lunch program rules that she proposes to post in the dining room so that seniors are aware of the policies. Cheryl Wallace at Emerald Foods has reviewed these rules and is okay with everything except #8: *“You may bring treats into the dining room to commemorate a special event. The site manager will serve the food.”* She would like to limit this to one or two days per month. The committee discussed this issue and would like to allow treats any day.

Resolution # SC-2005-10-002  
Moved by David Ogg  
Seconded by Bud Black

RESOLVED, That the Committee recommends leaving #8 worded as is.

Yes: 6  
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Reports**

**Park Board:** Merrill Dixon reported that the Park Board did not meet in September.

**Medi-Go:** No report.

**Senior Program:** Carla reported that 180 people attended the SeniorNet open house – over twice the number as last year. Both strength-training workshop were full with 30 participants in each and we will be offering a third workshop in October. We will have a flu shot clinic at the Troy Community Center on November 1. The merits of charging for the newsletter were discussed along with getting more information in the Troy Times. Partnering with doctors to get our publicity in their offices was also discussed.

**OLHSA:** No report.

**Suggestion Box:** Carla reported that there was one suggestion from the bridge club requesting that they be able to bring in their own refreshments for their holiday lunch, and just buy the coffee from Emerald. Last year, they spent over \$400, and they do not have enough money for that. Carla has told them that they may bring refreshments in to their meeting room (Rm. 504) but not a meal. There were also two complaints about the bingo volunteer being bossy. Carla will talk to her.

**Comments:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Thompson, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary