

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, June 1 2006 at the Troy Community Center. Chair Bud Black called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Present: Bud Black, Member
 Frank Shier, Member
 JoAnn Thompson
 Merrill Dixon, Member
 Carla Vaughan, Staff

David Ogg, Member
 Jo Rhoads, Member
 Pauline Noce, Member

Absent: James Berar, Member excused

Visitors: Jeff Biegler

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2006-6-001
 Moved by David Ogg
 Seconded by Merrill Dixon

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of May 4, 2006 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

Shuffleboard and Bocce Ball: Jeff Biegler reported that there were no bids in April. This was a very busy time for many contractors. A new bid is going out next week and bidders will have four weeks to respond. It is still expected that the facility will be built this year.

Golf Leagues: Carla reported that representatives from the three golf leagues have had two meetings with Assistant City Manager Brian Murphy and Parks and Recreation staff and they are working things out regarding the issues brought up at last month's meeting.

Catering Service at the Community Center: Carla reported that a one-year contract has been approved and there is now a reduced price menu for non-profit groups. A copy of this menu was handed out.

David Ogg reported that groups can use the meeting rooms at the Police and Fire Training Center for free and can bring their own food in there.

New Business

Cancellation of July and August meetings:

Resolution # SC-2006-6-002
Moved by David Ogg
Seconded by Joanne Thompson

RESOLVED That the July and August meetings be cancelled.

Yes: 7
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Reports

Park Board: Merrill Dixon reported that the Park Board reviewed the budget and that it was announced that the non-resident fee at the golf course has been waived for City employees.

Medi-Go: Jo Rhoads reported that Medi-Go is looking into offering weekend service. Dialysis patients often have appointments on Saturday.

Senior Program: Carla reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has sponsored six events to help seniors gain information and to enroll in the Medicare Prescription Drug program. Over 300 seniors attended these events. The map of outdoor walking routes adjacent to the Community Center has been updated and now includes seven routes varying in length from .4 mile (around the perimeter of the Community Center) to 2.2 miles (from the Community Center to and around the fitness trail and back). 134 people attended the free shredding event at the Community Center in May.

OLHSA: Pauline Noce reported that they had a speaker from Adapt My Home, a business that does barrier free renovations to help seniors age in place. The Committee would like Carla to arrange to have them speak in Troy. Pauline noted that whatever company a senior might choose, they should make sure that they are a certified Aging-In-Place specialist.

Oakland County Senior Advisory Board: Jo Rhoads reported that they met with legislators and encouraged them to keep up funding for transportation.

Medicare Part D: Joann Thompson reported that her pharmacist ran the numbers for her and she later signed up, but there are still questions. David Ogg reported that there is a great variance in process among pharmacies. Additional discussion was held on this topic.

Suggestion Box: There were no suggestions this month. In response to a suggestion last month, Carla took a poll about organ music on Fridays and the vote was almost evenly divided. It was decided to allow organ music on an OCCASIONAL basis, and we can revisit the issue again in the future if need be.

Comments:

David Ogg reported that the police department is conducting a seat belt sting.

Frank Shier reported that the senior show at the Macomb Center is July 7 and 8.

Joanne Thompson reported that she attended a recent Heart-Of-The-Hills Players performance in Warren. There were lots of people there and it was lots of fun.

Jo Rhoads asked how the hospital equipment loan closet is doing. Carla reported that more wheelchairs and shower chairs are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Black, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary