

## Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Oct. 5 2006 at the Troy Community Center. Chair Bud Black called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**Present:** Bud Black, Member David Ogg, Member  
 Frank Shier, Member Mary Sarossy, Member  
 Pauline Noce, Member James Berar, Member  
 Jo Rhoads, Member, excused Carla Vaughan, Staff

**Absent:** JoAnn Thompson, Member excused  
 Merrill Dixon, Member excused

**Visitors:** Steve Haveranek, Paula Fleming, Wade Fleming

**Approval of Minutes**

Resolution # SC-2006-10-001  
 Moved by Pauline Noce  
 Seconded by Mary Sarossy

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Sept. 5, 2006 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 7  
 No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Visitor Comments**

Steve Haveranek from Emerald Food Service answered questions and provided information about the senior lunch program.

Paula Fleming discussed the Terrace Café at Athens High School and announced that Homecoming for both high schools is this Friday.

Wade Fleming announced that a satisfactory agreement was reached with the senior golf leagues and that he did not want to see them move to another city.

**Old Business**

**Shuffleboard and Bocce Ball:** Carla reported that the contract was approved and that work will start any day now as soon as weather permits.

**Catering Service at the Community Center:** Carla reported that new bids were due last Friday and Emerald Food Service was the only company to bid the food service RFP. The bid is being reviewed and council will be asked for permission to negotiate a contract.

Mary Sarossy presented a report detailing her discussion with Joel Gottsacker at the Area Agency on Aging about the senior lunch program.

**New Business**

**Home Repair Program:** Carla reported that the Big Beaver United Methodist Church has been doing repairs for seniors for several months. The Community Foundation of Troy wants to fund this program. Senior volunteers are needed on the steering committee. Interested persons should contact Carla. Positions include:

- Intake Coordinator
- Delivery of Service – Chairperson
- Delivery of service - Electrical
- Delivery of service - Plumbing
- Delivery of service - Handyman
- Delivery of service - Other
- Volunteer recruitment and recognition
- Resource procurement and fundraising
- Bookkeeping – finances
- Marketing/client recruitment

**Reports**

**Park Board:** No report

**Medi-Go:** Jo Rhoads reported that there is a need for Saturday service and for seniors to get to church activities.

**Senior Program:** Carla reported that we now have a captioned telephone that was donated by the manufacturer to demonstrate to seniors. Seniors are invited to set up an appointment to come in and try it out and see how it works. Over 250 seniors attended the third annual SeniorNet computer lab open house in September. The all-volunteer SeniorNet steering committee developed and presented five free workshops to help promote the computer lab, and they are to be commended for a great job. The Fine Art Show on November 3 will be held in the lobby this year for greater exposure. Attendance at Troy Daze was down. David Ogg said there were complaints about how the bingo was run (could only win once).

**OLHSA:** Pauline Noce reported that she feels that Troy is excluded from many of their programs. Seniors can visit the county website for information about programs for seniors including Bill’s Big Dig snow removal. SOAR Optimists in Royal Oak provided gifts for needy seniors last year and may do it again this year. The senior job-training program has a new sponsor and the Detroit Urban League will be handling the program now.

**Oakland County Senior Advisory Board:** Jo Rhoads reported that there are no minutes and she is concerned about what is passed on. They are still working on a directory.

**Suggestion Box:** Carla reported that there were no suggestions this month

**Comments:**

James Berar stated that he has trouble hearing at the meetings and asked members to look up when they speak. Carla will look at moving the group to a quieter room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Black, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary