

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007 at the Troy Community Center. Chair Bud Black called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Present: Bud Black, Member
Pauline Noce, Member
JoAnn Thompson, Member
Frank Shier, Member

Jo Rhoads, Member
James Berar, Member
David Ogg, Member
Carla Vaughan, Staff

Absent: Merrill Dixon, excused

Visitors: Tom Rosewarne, John Abraham, Margaret Julian, Linda Macka

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2007-1-001
Moved by Pauline Noce
Seconded by JoAnn Thompson

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Dec. 7, 2006 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Visitor Comments

Linda Macka provided details about the upcoming spelling bee

Old Business

Shuffleboard and Bocce Ball: Carla reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in the spring. The committee would like to have it in March. Sixteen people have expressed an interest in a bocce league and four have expressed interest in a shuffleboard league. It will be announced that the courts are available for open play and that leagues will be formed if interest is sufficient. Several “learn to play” sessions will be offered as soon as weather permits, probably beginning in April.

Street Signs: Superintendent of Streets Tom Rosewarne and Traffic Engineer John Abraham presented information about street signs: size, color, placement, trends around the country, and changes being considered for Troy. Committee members questioned visibility of signs, lack of signs on some corners and timing of lights.

Catering Service at the Community Center: Carla reported that the contract with Emerald Food Service will end February 12. The City is accepting proposals from caterers and will develop a list of "preferred" caterers for the Community Center. Proposals are due January 16. Changes in the food policy regarding non-profit groups that meet the residency requirement has yet to be determined. JoAnn read a quote by Steve Haveranek that appeared in the Troy Times stating that he would "have allowed people to bring in cookies had I known it would create so much discontent." JoAnn pointed out that this statement was contrary to the position Emerald had maintained throughout discussions about the issue.

Lunch Visits: The committee discussed visiting Clawson, Sterling Heights, Warren and Harrison Twp, among others, for the senior lunch.

Medicare Part D: The committee continued their discussion about the importance of being informed about the various plans and the need to keep up with the changes.

Kaleidoscope: Carla reported that if committee members wish to volunteer at the Kaleidoscope, they should contact Nickie Kaptur at 248-680-7223. Senior program information will be available at the Parks and Recreation table. The committee would like Carla to print some of the Senior Advisory Committee brochures for this table, and they will decide if they want to get more involved next year.

Reports

Park Board: No report.

Medi-Go: Jo Rhoads reported that staff and board members enjoyed a holiday party in December.

Senior Program: Carla reported that the new senior home repair program, SHARP, will hold it's kick-off on January 25. They have formed a 14-member steering committee and most of the positions have been filled. Those interested in a supper club held their first meeting today. Eight people attended. Troy's spelling duel will be held January 18. There are 13 competitors this year.

OLHSA: Pauline reported that they had a speaker from Senior Services, Inc. a non-profit agency in Kalamazoo that offers home repairs for seniors.

Oakland County Senior Advisory Board: Jo Rhoads reported that they discussed projects for the upcoming year.

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

Comments

David Ogg announced that there are openings for the next Citizens Academy.

Frank Shier suggested that the Committee take advantage of the opportunity for exposure at the Kaleidoscope and that they spend less time discussing the Medicare issue.

Jo Rhoads suggested that some of the street sign information presented at today's meeting be passed on to other seniors via the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Black, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary