

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Feb. 1, 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
Merrill Dixon, Member

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

Absent: Frank Shier, Member

Visitors: Paula Fleming

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2007-2-001
Moved by JoAnn Thompson
Seconded by Jo Rhoads

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

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Visitor Comments

Paula Fleming discussed awards, accomplishments, and upcoming events within the Troy School District including the art show at Somerset Mall.

Old Business

Shuffleboard and Bocce Ball: Carla reported that “learn to play” sessions will be offered in April and May and sign-ups for leagues will begin in April. Merrill asked how the equipment would be stored, and Carla reported that the details have not been finalized.

Catering Service at the Community Center: Carla reported that the contract with Emerald Food Service to provide exclusive catering ends February 12. A Request For Proposals has been sent to vendors and is in the process of evaluation. Changes in the food policy regarding non-profit groups that meet the residency requirement will also be finalized in the near future. Vending machines will replace the café effective the week of February 12 that will include soft drinks, snacks, coffee, and sandwiches/soups, etc.

Lunch Visits: JoAnn Thompson reported that she had lunch at the Clawson center and it was very good. She also got information on the programs they offer there.

Medicare Part D: JoAnn Thompson commented that there will not be much to discuss until the end of the year and this item could be taken off the agenda until then.

Kaleidoscope: Bud Black reported that it was a nice event and lots of up-to-date information was given out. He spoke to the SHARP representative there about attending an advisory committee meeting.

New Business

AED: JoAnn Thompson reported that she had received a call with a complaint that the front desk staff at the Community Center did not know where the automatic external defibrillator was stored and that the device should be accessible to the public. Carla will follow up with the building supervisor and report back next month.

Reports

Park Board: Merrill Dixon reported that they discussed park plans.

Medi-Go: Jo Rhoads reported that they are very busy.

Senior Program: Carla reported that the new senior home repair program, SHARP, held its kick-off on January 25. Six requests for service were received in the first week. These included fixing a leaky faucet, replacing a broken window, securing a loose railing and removing some broken tree limbs. More volunteers are needed, so please spread the word. Volunteer applications are available at the Community Center or on the City's website. Troy's spelling duel was held on January 18, and the county duel will be in Troy on February 28. Seven cities will compete.

OLHSA: No report.

Oakland County Senior Advisory Board: No report.

Suggestion Box: Carla reported that there was one suggestion about supporting senior's effort to remain healthy through nutrition education. Carla reported that occasional nutrition programs are offered and a 12-week program was offered last year as part of the national "Eat Better, Move More" campaign. These programs are not especially well attended, and seniors may well be getting some of their nutrition information elsewhere – magazines, Internet, their doctor, etc. Staff will make an effort to offer additional nutrition program in the near future.

Comments

James Berar suggested that the Committee participate in the open comments section of the City Council meetings by letting them know what is going on with the senior program.

David Ogg reported that he is on a committee at Beaumont Hospital that is seeking input on how to improve hospital services.

James Berar reported that he is participating in an ethnic festival in Sterling Heights on Feb. 2.

JoAnn Thompson reported that the Supper Club has their first dinner planned and it will have a Polish theme.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Black, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary