

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Sept. 1 2005 at the Troy Community Center. Chair JoAnn Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Present: JoAnn Thompson, Chair
Pauline Noce, Member
Merrill Dixon, Member
Marie Hoag, Member

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

Absent: Bud Black, Member

Visitors: Paula Fleming, Wade Fleming, Kim Haveranek, Jack Grushko

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2005-09-001
Moved by Jo Rhoads
Seconded by Pauline Noce

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of June 2, 2005 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Visitor Comments

Paula Fleming announced that Troy is one of four school districts in metro Detroit and the only one in Oakland County to receive an "A+" rating from the Detroit News, following a comprehensive analysis of school quality factors.

City Council candidate Wade Fleming introduced himself to the committee.

Old Business

Senior Centers in Neighboring Cities: There were no new visits to report this month.

Shuffleboard and Bocce Ball: Merrill Dixon reported that the Parks and Recreation Department would like to proceed with the project and they are looking at funding options.

Catering Service at the Community Center: Kim Haveranek and Jack Grushko from Emerald Food Service attended the meeting to discuss the catering contract. The committee is recommending a change in the contract that will allow non-profit groups to bring in their own snacks for meetings (These groups would be required to use the caterer for meals.) The committee's contention is that many of these groups do not have funds to hire a caterer. Jack

Grushko stated that this would open the floodgate to non-profit groups that would book “their rooms” and thus reduce the space available to for-profit groups who might use Emerald Food Service. Kim stated that they are just performing the contract and she should not be to one the Committee is talking to. The Committee has met with Parks and Recreation staff, and will reiterate their position to City Council via written correspondence. The Committee requests specifics from the Parks and Recreation Department as to when the contract is up and the timetable for negotiations.

New Business

Michigan Senior Olympics: In response to Mr. Berar’s inquiry about which Michigan Senior Olympics sports we offer seniors an opportunity to participate in, Carla reported that Senior Olympics events are archery, badminton, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, race walk, racquetball, road race, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, basketball, softball, and volleyball. The state records are listed on the website, so potential participants would know what they are up against. Troy offers bowling, golf, table tennis, tennis, basketball, softball and volleyball. Badminton was offered last year but was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Annual Report: Carla distributed copies of the annual senior report for FY 04/05. The committee will review it and discuss it at their next meeting.

Parking: Mr. Berar reported that all of the handicap parking spaces at the east entrance were taken and he would like to see more spaces added. Carla will instigate and report back next month. The number of spaces available does meet ADA requirements and exceeds requirements at the senior entrance.

Troy Daze: Marie Hoag reported that there will be a bocce ball demonstration at senior day at Troy Daze.

Reports

Park Board: Merrill Dixon reported that the Park Board did not meet in June, July and August, and they will not meet in September.

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

Senior Program: Carla reported that new programs this fall include bridge lessons, a “mental aerobics” class, knitting lessons, and a strength-training workshop where participants will receive a handbook with a routine that they can do at home. This workshop is part of the national “You Can” campaign.

OLHSA: No report.

Suggestion Box: Carla reported that there was one suggestion that the reading room remain open during bingo. Reading room hours are posted as “subject to change if Room 402 is in

use,” and the bingo players have found it disruptive to have people cutting through the room during bingo. The Committee recommended keeping the room closed during bingo.

Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Thompson, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary