

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Sept. 4 2008 at the Troy Community Center. Chair Bud Black called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Present: Jo Rhoads, Member
 Frank Shier, Member
 Bud Black, Member
 Betty Coven, Member
 Merrill Dixon, Member

James Berar, Member
 David Ogg, Member
 JoAnn Thompson, Member,
 Pauline Noce, Member
 Carla Vaughan, Staff

Absent: None

Visitors: Paula Fleming, Charles Craft, William Huotari, Steve Dearing

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2008-9-001
 Moved by Jo Rhoads
 Seconded by David Ogg

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of June 5, 2008 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 9

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Visitor Comments

Paula Fleming discussed upcoming school district events and news.

OLD BUSINESS

Traffic Issues: The Committee discussed traffic safety issues with Police Chief Charles Craft, Traffic Engineer William Huotari and Traffic Consultant Steve Dearing. They explained what they have done about traffic safety and about the state guidelines that they are required to follow regarding signs, etc. Chief Craft asked that committee members call him if they have a specific problem about a certain intersection.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestion Box: Carla reported that there was one suggestion that residents be allowed to charge over the phone to save on gas. 70% of our registrations are now taken online, and this has been the only request for phone registrations. Mail-in registration is available. Additional staff is required to handle phone in registration and we do not want to discourage on-line registration. But the situation will be monitored.

Renaming the Senior Program and Lowering the Age to Qualify: Carla led a discussion about lowering the age for senior programs from 55 to 50 and changing the name of the program as baby boomers object to the label “senior.” Committee members felt that there is a big difference between 50 years old and 80 years old and there is a need for two types of programs - one for 50 Plus and one for Seniors. The Senior program should not be geared toward 50 year olds as many of those activities would not be appropriate for 80 year olds. People will sign up for activities that are age appropriate for them and both types of activities need to be offered. They favored leaving the name “Senior Program” as is.

REPORTS

Park Board: No report.

Senior Program: Over 100 people attended the free outdoor Heritage Band concert on August 6 and it has outgrown its location on the Community Center patio. Troy had five teams playing 50 Plus softball this year in two Northwest Parks and Recreation Association leagues. Pickleball is a sport that is gaining popularity with the seniors. All four courts are in use with people waiting on Friday mornings at the Community Center gym. There are now 518 seniors receiving the newsletter via e-mail. Be sure to check out all of the National Senior Center Month activities.

Medi-Go: Jo Rhoads reported that they are talking about a gold sale fundraiser.

OLHSA: Jo Rhoads reported that they had a speaker from Beaumont.

Oakland County Senior Advisory Board: No report.

Comments

JoAnn Thompson pointed out that the lunchroom volunteer is again opening the donation envelopes effecting confidentiality. The sign on the table also refers to “cost” as opposed to “suggested donation.” The Committee requested that Carol Anderson speak to Emerald Food Service about this. Carla will pass this on to Carol.

Frank Shier announced the upcoming Heart of the Hills performance.

Betty Coven announced that the fall session of Cross Train Your Brain starts on Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Black, Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary