Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, Oct 1, 2009 at the Troy Community Center. Chair David Ogg called the meeting to order at 1 P.M.

Present: James Berar, Member
David Ogg, Member
Bud Black, Member
JoAnn Thompson, Member
Jo Rhoads, Member
Pauling Noce, Member
Carla Vaughan, Staff

Abesnt: Frank Shier, Member

Betty Coven has resigned from the committee, effective today.

Visitors: Paula Fleming, Wade Fleming, Nancy Philipport, Carol Anderson, John Szerlag

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2009-10-001
Moved by Black
Seconded by Rhoads

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Sept. 3, 2009 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 6
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Visitor Comments

Paula Fleming discussed school district news and upcoming events, reminded committee members about the gold card, and introduced fellow school board member Nancy Philipport.

OLD BUSINESS

Open House: David Ogg reported that there was a good turnout at the open house. Twelve people stopped at the Advisory Committee table and 11 did not know that the committee existed. He was able to help three residents with problems.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Update – 6-Year Organizational Restructuring Plan: City Manager John Szerlag discussed his proposed 6-Year Organizational Restructuring Plan and the options available. Committee members were given the opportunity to give their input and to ask questions.

Suggestion Box: There was one suggestion for 2010 trips to Stratford and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Our 2008 trip to Stratford was cancelled due to low enrollment, but we will try again in 2010. We offered a Niagara-on-the-Lake trip last year. Only three signed up, but they were able to go with another city.

REPORTS

Park Board: JoAnn Thompson reported that John Szerlag also attended the last park board meeting to discuss the 6-year organizational restructuring plan.

Senior Program: Carla reported that attendance at senior programs last year was almost 118,000, a 3% increase over the year before. We offer 85 programs and services. Volunteers contributed over 16,000 hours last year. In order to cut costs in the computer lab, the volunteers are taking over the technical support of the computers. Because SeniorNet – the organization that we get our instruction manuals and software from - recently increased their fees, our volunteers have taken over this area also. This will save almost $28,000 this year.

Medi-Go: No report.

OLHSA: Jo Rhoads reported that they had a speaker on home care.

Oakland County Senior Advisory Board: No report.

Member Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ogg, Chair Carla Vaughan, Secretary