

Beaverton Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee - Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 2011, 2:30 p.m.
Beaverton City Hall
First Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Judith Auslander, Cathy Leong, Helen Robinson, Gail Miller, Liz Fischer, William (Bill) Johnson, Aaron Poarch, Gloria Nussbaum

Staff Liaison: Jim Brooks

Elsie Stuhr Representative and Committee Member: Laurel Reilly

Council Liaison: excused absent: Cathy Stanton

Members excused absent: Minnie Stoumbaugh Laura Isaacson, Robin Kadz

Visitor: Naomi Beale, from Visiting Angels

Approval of May 2011 Minutes: Minutes were approved with the following corrections:

- (not sure what the changes were, because I wasn't there!)

Golden Placement Services Presentation: Cherie Henry outlined several reasons seniors require care giving assistance and/or housing assistance. She explained how placement services help to find the right fit for each individual. Caseworkers work with family to find affordable placement options in a timely, practical manner. The service is free to the individual as the placement service is paid by the facility. All options are explored for the client, including Adult Day Care, Assisted Living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, skilled nursing facilities and Alzheimer care units. Cherie stressed that communication and follow-up with the family and the client is very important.

Health and Wellness Fair at Elsie Stuhr Center, October 1, 2011: Jim will contact Ann Satterfield and attempt to get marketing information submitted to the Your City Newsletter before the deadline. Cathy will contact Ann to set a planning meeting before our next meeting so that we can be more proactive about planning and marketing to make the event a great success! Laurel reported that the building will still be under construction and booth space will be limited this year. The October meeting will be dedicated to planning our involvement in this event.

A goal of the committee is to get low income and people without transportation option to attend the Health and Wellness Fair. Laurel will attempt to get the THPRD bus to transport people from Holly Tree for the event. Aaron will ask Avamere for the use of their bus and Liz will ask the Springs for help with transportation.

Picnics in the Park: General discussion about these events. The committee agreed to attend these picnics again next year with additional pamphlets and information at our booth.

A big thank you to Sue Price for pitching in at the events with her husband, Aaron!

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Surveys: Laurel suggested our survey questions be updated. She and Judith will work together to present a draft at our next meeting. Gail will contact Loaves and Fishes to see if they will hand out the updated survey when they deliver meals so that we can get responses from people who do not or cannot attend events. Jim will also upload the survey on our website.

Forum: Helen and Bill plan to attend a presentation by Diane M. Childs, Finance Information and ID Theft Outreach Coordinator with Oregon Division of Finance and Corporate Securities, August 16th. They will evaluate the presentation and determine if this would be a topic worthy of a Forum in Spring, 2012.

There was general discussion about having a Forum in November on Medicare to discuss the changes to the program before the enrollment period for 2012. Jim will check with the Library to see when we can schedule the rooms. Liz will give Helen a name to contact someone at SHIBA and attempt to find a speaker on this subject.

Another Forum topic may be Powerful Tools for Caregivers.

Upcoming Speakers: Veterans Affairs to present to our committee in November.

Suggestions for upcoming meeting presentations by committee members: AARP, Elders in Action, Store to Door, Ombudsman, Oregon Helps, Mental Illness issues for Seniors presented by someone from Tualatin Geriatric Psychiatry.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.