

Beaverton Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee - Minutes

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 2:30 p.m.
Beaverton City Hall
Council Chambers

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, Aaron Poarch

Elsie Stuhr Representative and Committee Member: Laurel Reilly

Staff Liaison: Jim Brooks

Council Liaison: Cathy Stanton

Members excused absent: Laura Isaacson

Members unexcused absent: William (Bill) Johnson

Visitors: Ena Morgan, Naomi Beale, Demetri

Approval of May 2011 Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Election of New Officers: Gail will continue as Chairperson; Cathy Leong will continue as Co-Chairperson and Judith will be the Secretary for 2012. The committee unanimously approved the new officers.

Department of Veterans Affairs: Mike Ochsenbein, Veterans Services Coordinator works for DAVS, Disability and Aging and Veteran Services, discussed the current benefits available to Veterans and his role as an advocate for veterans with the VA. Mike explained how his office advocates for seniors and outlined some requirements to be eligible for benefits from the VA. Mike explained that the system is complicated and slow and urged veterans and their families to work with an advocate to get the claims submitted correctly and completely to streamline the claim process, which can take up to 18 months.

Forum Update: Jim has reserved the Library Conference Rooms for the following dates:

- February 25 for a Financial Forum
- June 9 for a forum on Aging in Place
- October 13 for a Medicare/Medicaid forum

Financial Forum, February 25, 2012: Diane Childs, Financial Information Outreach Coordinator, Oregon Division of Finance and Corporate Securities and Katrina Rodriguez of the Beaverton Police have agreed to speak at our forum on February, 25, regarding Financial Fraud Prevention. Helen and Bill will send an e-mail to the committee requesting feedback on specific topics/scams, etc. the committee would like Diane and Katrina to address. Helen and Bill will work to get pictures and information for advertising the event.

Meeting In December: The December committee meeting will be held on December 13 at 2:30. The meeting will be dedicated to planning the financial forum and celebrating the year's accomplishments as a committee.

Beaverton Business Directory: Cathy Leong wrote the BSCAC article for November, but Gail received the byline! The following committee members will prepare a 250 word article for the Beaverton Business Directory:

December	Laura, Dealing with Greif at the Holidays
January	Helen & Bill, February Financial Forum
February	Judith, Aging with Wisdom

Sage-ing: Judith shared her experience in attending an Aging With Wisdom presentation about Sage-ing, certification available. The certification is available from the Sage-ing Guild after at least a year of intense training to learn a new way to look at the aging process and help others to make the most of their lives. Judith plans to pursue this certification and will keep the committee updated on what she learns through this process.

Update from Cathy Stanton: Cathy Stanton reports on a proposal in congress to reduce the SNAP by \$4 to \$5 billion dollars. Both Judith and Cathy urge committee members to contact our Federal representatives and let them know our concern over this proposal.

Upcoming Events:

11/2011	Art show at the Library, Rooms A & B
11/12	Beaverton City Theatre presentation at the Library, 11:00 a.m.
11/13	Life in This Recession, Pacific University, Taylor Meade Performing Arts
11/14	Alzheimer's Screening, Visiting Angels
11/16	People You Should Know Breakfast, Community Activity Center, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
11/16	Aging Summit & Initiative by Vision Action Network, Village Baptist Church, 8:30 - noon
11/17	Teen Art Show, Library
11/17	Community Outreach Open House, City Hall, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
11/18	Family Caregivers Conference, WA County Dept of Aging & Veterans Services. Tuality Health, 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
11/20	Interfaith Thanksgiving, Hillsboro Mormon Church, 5:30 p.m.
11/25	Free Thanksgiving Dinners at Elsie Stuhr Center and Beaverton Christian Church
1/27/2012	Salvation Army, Project Homeless Connect, Sunrise Church (Cathy Stanton encourages us to have a booth there)

New Committee Nominations: Jim will e-mail the applications to the committee for review and comment. A motion was passed to interview the nominees before making any decisions.

Jim, Gail, Cathy Leong, Helen and Judith will work together to schedule interviews for the top three candidates the first of next week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.