



City of Beaverton

CITY OF BEAVERTON
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by Michael Heart, Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members present: Gayle Campbell, William Johnson, Cathy Leong, John Livingstone, Michael Heart, Robert Marchbank, Jacqueline Stovall

*Members absent: Beau D. McNeff (excused), Cheryl Gill-Shelton (excused)

*Council Liaison: Marc San Soucie

*Staff Liaison: Jim Brooks

*Elsie Stuhr Representative: Laurel Reilly

*Guest: Maren Peterson, Unlimited Choices

3. SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Members were asked what we learned from the Senior Resource Fair held last year that we would like to see happen differently this year as follows: It is important to communicate to vendors who agree to participate that they should stay until the end of the event. Also, two vendors did not show even after reminders. Plan to have a Panel Discussion so that the audience can ask questions of the speaker specialist. We need to make certain there are enough refreshments and coffee for the participants. Help with transportation by arranging for shuttle pickups from, for example, 158th and Walker. Print a list of vendors and phone numbers for participants. Provide plastic bags so that participants have a place for brochures, etc. Consider holding the Fair an additional day. Make sure there is a greeter at the front door of the library as front doors are locked until 10:00 am. Need contact information on the brochure.

4. UNLIMITED CHOICES PRESENTATION

Maren Peterson, Community Outreach Coordinator for Unlimited Choices, described their programs. The services offered are based on 80% of median income in Beaverton. Unlimited Choices has two programs which are Adapt-A-Home and Mend-A-Home, www.unlimitedchoices.org. Unlimited Choices is a community-based, private, non-profit organization serving residents of Beaverton, Gresham, Portland, and Multnomah County. Licensed, bonded contractors provide the service at no cost to persons who are approved. Brochures describing the programs were distributed.

5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 10TH, 2009, MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the March 10th, 2009, minutes. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

6. VISION/MISSION STATEMENT

It is the Vision of the Beaverton Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee to advocate for the physical, social and economic well-being of those in the Beaverton Community who identify themselves as Senior Citizens."

It was moved by Robert Marchbank and seconded by John Livingstone to approve the Vision Statement. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

"We view our Mission to be to provide information to help senior citizens make informed choices regarding their needs; to identify facilities and services where those needs may be met; to provide feedback to elected officials as to how the City of Beaverton can help meet those needs; and by acting as an information source for the citizenry of our community to help them understand those needs." It was moved by Robert Marchbank and seconded by John Livingstone to approve the Mission Statement. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote. Thanks to Cathy Leong, William Johnson, Marc San Soucie, Jim Brooks and Michael Heart for their work on the Vision/Mission Statement.

7. SCAC FORUM

William Johnson and Robert Marchbank reported on plans for a SCAC forum. Possible issues identified are as follows: Changes in Medical Services; Approaches to housing; Potential Changes to Social Security, Health Care, and Income Support. Lani Parr, Neighborhood Program Manager, will provide a list of potential speakers. The possibility of combining the SCAC Forum with the Senior Resource Fair was discussed.

8. REQUIREMENTS OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/SCAC MEMBERSHIP

Requirements of attendance at meetings were discussed. John Livingstone will compose an amendment regarding attendance. The proposed amendment will be presented at the May 12th, 2009, meeting for approval. Michael Heart will phone Beau McNeff to ascertain his interest in serving on the committee. Robert Marchbank was thanked for providing a ride to Jacquelline Stovall. Jim Brooks reported that there are two potential new members to serve on SCAC. Michael Heart and Jim Brooks will interview these two potential members.

9. REPORT FROM JIM BROOKS

Jim Brooks distributed a SCAC web site list of local resources. Jim Brooks will look into how the SCAC web site senior information can be easier to access. Jim has subscribed to BiFocal which provides information on senior citizens and the law. He will e-mail Pdf file to us. Jim Brooks was contacted by Elder Resource Alliance Friendly House Inc., Portland, who are interested in reaching out with their advocacy program for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender senior citizens.

10. REPORT BY COUNCILOR MARC SAN SOUCIE

Marc San Soucie updated SCAC on upcoming Council business. The City of Beaverton Visioning Process continues. A Water Master Plan will be discussed in the future.

11. SENIOR DISCOUNTS/ARTS COMMISSION BOARD

Michael Heart encouraged the committee to continue to identify businesses that offer senior discounts. Michael Heart will ask Beau McNeff if he is interested in compiling a list of businesses that offer senior discounts. Michael Heart has resigned from the Arts Commission Board.

12. 2009 SENIOR RESOURCES FAIR

Cathy Leong and Gayle Campbell agreed to serve as Co-Chairs for the Senior Resource Fair. Cathy Leong will work with Jim Brooks to ascertain what dates are open at the Beaverton Library in September and October. William Johnson suggested scheduling the SCAC Forum in the Fall and the Senior Resources Fair in the Spring. It was proposed that one date is needed for the SCAC Forum and one date for the Senior Resource Fair.

13. BRAINSTORMING FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE

John Livingstone stated it is important that SCAC design projects that are needed, useful and appreciated.

14. ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 12TH MEETING, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Lani Parr, Neighborhood Program Manager, will help us compile a list of potential speakers for SCAC Forum.
2. John Livingstone will propose an amendment to the ByLaws regarding attendance.
3. Continue to compile a list of businesses that provide Senior Discounts.
4. Cathy Leong and Jim Brooks will determine open dates for the library in September and October.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The committee moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 pm. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.