



City of Beaverton

CITY OF BEAVERTON
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 10th, 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, Cheryl Gill-Shelton

*Members absent: Beau D. McNeff, Jacqueline Stovall

*Council Liaison: Marc San Soucie

*Staff Liaison: Jim Brooks

*Elsie Stuhr Representative: Laurel Reilly

*Guest: Joan Goldhammer, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together, Washington County

3. SENIOR ISSUES

The committee and guest were asked what single senior issue resonates with them.

Laurel Reilly: Concerned with Health Care, insurance.

Marc San Soucie: Health and physical welfare of his parents.

Cheryl Gill-Shelton: Housing for seniors, trauma of moving.

Bill Johnson: Who can provide help for seniors who have difficulty getting around? (more than a transportation system)

Robert Marchbank: What are the options for an aged senior to be able to stay in her home?

Joan Goldhammer: Aging in place.

Michael Heart: Our committee is a voice for seniors. There is an opportunity for education which is more than advise.

Gayle Campbell: Economic financial needs

Jim Brooks: Concerned if seniors lose their apartment because of inability to pay rent.

John Livingstone: Managing on a limited fixed income

Cathy Leong: Tri-met transportation is a rough ride for the home bound.

4. REBUILDING TOGETHER, WASHINGTON COUNTY

Joan Goldhammer, Executive Director, passed out a packet explaining the Washington County Rebuilding Together non-profit program. Joan explained that one in ten live in the poverty level in Washington County. In 2008, 598 volunteers donated 3211 hours to help improve the lives of 192 of their neighbors by repair work and accessibility modifications. 61% of the homeowners helped were elderly. The funding is obtained via grants. The SCAC Committee can help Rebuilding Together by referrals to their program. Volunteers are

needed for the April 25th National Rebuilding Day for repair and rehabilitation of homes. Jim Brooks will check SCAC web-site to ascertain if Rebuilding Together is listed under Local Resources. Joan Goldhammer, Executive Director can be reached at Phone #503-644-4544 or E-mail rtwc@aracnet.com.

5. OVERVIEW OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND STATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO HELP LOW-INCOME AND DISABLED CITIZENS WITH THEIR HOUSING NEEDS

Cheryl Gill-Shelton passed out a packet outlining an Overview of Washington County and State Programs Available to Help Low-Income and Disabled Citizens With Their Housing Needs.

Cheryl explained the high points of Oregon Property Tax Deferral, Oregon Veteran's Property Tax Exemption, Reverse Mortgage, Oregon Low Income Energy Assistance Program, and Washington County Home Repair Programs. She is a Seniors Real Estate Specialist who works for Keller Williams Realty Professionals.

6. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10TH, 2009, MINUTES

Under item #8, Senior Disability needs to be changed to Citizens with Disability. It was moved and seconded to approve the February 10th, 2009, minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

7. TOPIC FOR SCAC FORUM

William Johnson with the assistance of Robert Marchbank will meet with the person who arranges the City of Beaverton Forum. A tentative frame work for the forum will be presented at the April meeting.

8. SYMPATHIES

The committee extended their sympathies to Robert Marchbank on the loss of his Father.

9. SCAC MEMBERSHIP/VISIONING PROCESS

Applications for the committee were reviewed. Jim Brooks will talk with Lani Parr regarding the process of approval. Jim stated that Jacqueline Stovall has been missing meetings as she is no longer able to drive. Michael Heart will phone Jacqueline to ascertain her interest in continuing on the committee. John Livingstone moved that if a member misses three meetings that the member be dropped from the committee. It was moved and seconded to table the motion until the April meeting. There was a discussion on the feasibility to change SCAC to an evening meeting. It was decided to continue with meeting in the afternoon. Jim Brooks asked the committee if the Visioning Process should continue. The agreement was that we should. William Johnson wrote a Vision Statement which will be e-mailed to the committee by Jim Brooks. Michael Heart requested that the SCAC Committee Members e-mail him New Business items for the agenda.

10. REPORT FROM COUNCILOR MARC SAN SOUCIE

Marc San Soucie described the City of Beaverton Social Service Funding Process. There is a competitive process in how to obtain funds. There is a Social Service Funding Committee which accepted twenty five applications for the fund which totals \$250,000. The New Council and Mayor met in a retreat regarding goals and priorities. The City Visioning Process will continue. The hope is for a vibrant downtown area.

11. SOME IDEAS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Michael Heart passed out a list of ideas for future discussion.

12. BRAINSTORMING FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE

SCAC members expressed their positive thoughts regarding future SCAC activities.

13. ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 14TH, 2009, MEETING, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

A. William Johnson and Robert Marchbank will present a tentative framework for a City of Beaverton Forum.

B. Consideration of adding to Bylaws requirements of attendance at meetings.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The committee moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 pm. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.