

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2010
12:30 p.m.

SeaTac Community Center
Conference Room

Call to Order: The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Jon Ancell, Peggy Ancell, Fred Geraldson, Alice Belenski, Margaret Gray and Shirley Coulson.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Kathleen Cummings, Senior Services Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes dated June 15, 2010 were approved as written.

SEATAC CAFÉ:

Overall, things are going well. The food quality is consistently good. There was some concern about the coffee being too weak. Kathleen will check into this. It also appears that CCS may no longer provide placemats. This issue is hotly contested right now. The block of senior centers from South King County have all voiced their concern. The cutback is due to cost. However, the placemats provide a defined dining space for each individual, helps with setting the table and most importantly is a clean surface. If we no longer have placemats, we would likely discontinue tablecloths as well.

PURCHASES:

Kathleen reported that several purchases had been made. These included 4 glass racks, two sets of TV trays, a Mah Jongg game and shelving for the craft closet. The search for the bulletin board continues. Kathleen had looked into getting a blood pressure machine similar to the kiosks that are in large stores. Unfortunately the price is pretty prohibitive at a cost of \$5,000.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Western Day - August 18
- Pancake Breakfast - October 9

HOLIDAY BAZAAR:

Things appear to be going well for the bazaar. There are 30 or so vendors signed up so far. The committee decided not to purchase any more yard signs for the bazaar. The newsletter will have more information about the bazaar as the date approaches. Alice has been working on the baskets. We have a nice assortment but still could use a chocolate basket. Most of the various groups have committed to a basket. It was suggested that the Wednesday lunch group take on a basket – maybe a Hanky Panky basket. Alice will see if she can get someone to take this on. There are plans for a Thanksgiving basket as well as a Christmas dinner basket. The Christmas basket would be raffled off at the December holiday luncheon.

The craft group has been working on various items and the quilt is in good shape. Peggy came back with some new ideas for craft projects. Alice will approach Pancake Chef for a donation similar to last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Scholarship: Kathleen distributed a draft of the guidelines for scholarship assistance. The committee will review and bring back for discussion at the September meeting.

- Survey: Margaret had worked on a draft for the survey. It was decided to conduct the survey the first two weeks of October. The Advisory Committee will sponsor the survey. The committee will review the draft, make some changes and bring back up for review in September.
- Scholarship Funds: Kathleen has started doing some comparisons on this issue. A survey was sent out through the State network to see which senior centers offer scholarships and how they are administered. It appears that they are generally available to seniors who identify themselves as in need and sign a form. Most centers do not ask for proof of income. Applications appear to be handled by senior center staff. If we were to establish a scholarship with fundraising funds, it would need to go through the City for approval.
- TV Trays: Kathleen has been shopping for the trays. She is hoping to get two sets that come with a rack to put the trays on. It looks like the trays will cost about \$60 each for a set with 4 trays. They will be used in conjunction with the card tables or Wii.

NEW BUSINESS:

The committee discussed resident/non resident participation in the program. At present, the only distinction between resident and non resident status is one day advance registration for trips. It was suggested that we look at extending that to more than one day. (There is also a weight room usage that is for residents.) Other thoughts included that there should be a price differential between residents and non residents for trips. Kathleen briefly reviewed what some other centers were doing. The discussion of resident/non resident fees is a broad one that both the department and City would need to address.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.