

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 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, Margaret Gray and Shirley Coulson. Excused: Alice Belenski.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Kathleen Cummings, Senior Services Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes dated May 18, 2010 were approved as written.

SEATAC CAFÉ:

Kathleen reported that the food quality continues to be consistently good. Several members reported that they had heard the salmon patty which was substituted for the ham salad sandwiches was not that good. The issue of the thin napkins has been resolved by Catholic Community Services (CCS) though there does not seem to be any change with the pattern of soup each Wednesday.

It was suggested that the tables in the banquet room be checked as quite a few are concave. There is also a problem with some of the protectors that are on the bottom of the tables.

Ralph Sweitzer, a volunteer driver, attended the meeting and asked if he could share some comments. The Committee was pleased to have him present and welcomed his input. Ralph's comments were a compilation of ideas and concerns that he had heard while driving for trips and lunch pick ups. One suggestion was to offer a trip to Woodland Park Zoo that allowed for a longer visit. He asked if the van could be cleaned more often. Other concerns were whether volunteer drivers should have first aide certification and additional driver training. There was a suggestion that trips should have one volunteer driver and one staff driving. Ralph reported that casino participants did not like it when a tip hat was passed on the motor coach. He also suggested that we use the senior van with a volunteer driver for a weekly trip to a nearby casino. Suggestions for future trips included: Tour of the 5th Avenue Theatre, the 911 Center in Renton, Taylor Seafood in Shelton, the Police Training Center, Benaroya Hall, Ostrom Mushrooms, the Museum of Flight, the Pike Place Market, the FAA in Auburn, Safeco Field, SW Suburban Sewer Plant and the Olympia Farmers Market. It was also reported that the seniors prefer the small, older portion of the Emerald Queen Casino.

Ralph also talked about the placement of the Styrofoam block in the wheel chair ramp which helps reduce noise when driving. He and Jon were both pleased that the fire extinguisher had been relocated and secured on the senior van. It was also mentioned that the steering on the youth/teen van seemed loose.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Father's Day Lunch, June 18 – Barbershop singers and Bocce
- The luncheon is this Friday. Advance sign up has been slow. Bocce ball is weather dependent.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR:

- Floral light displays: A class will be held on June 22 that will provide materials and direction on making floral displays. Once completed the designs will be part of the Warm Beach light display. Per earlier agreement, fundraising funds will pay the \$5 fee per person for the class. The designs

we make will be recognized at the light display. We will also be able to make additional lights if we want for the Holiday Bazaar.

- Baskets: Alice left a list of the groups who have committed to putting together a basket for the mini raffle at the bazaar. There will also be information in the newsletter.
- Nearly New: It was decided to bring back the new or nearly new area for the bazaar. Pat Green and Pat Dyer have offered to staff this. This will also be promoted in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Weight Room: The request to extend the senior resident free use of the weight room to 5 days a week was not approved. It will remain at the Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Usage has been about 5-6 people.
- Bulletin Board: We can put a bulletin board by the senior restrooms. It will be alongside either wall. The Committee decided to go with a 3' X 4' size. There is a big cost difference between an enclosed bulletin board and a traditional one, so we will be looking at a traditional board which will need to be monitored.
- 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:

It was suggested we do a survey in September to get some more input. Margaret offered to help develop the form.

Another suggestion was to have a coffee chat in the senior lobby with the Advisory Committee.

Crafts: The craft group would like either another cabinet or more space. Kathleen suggested putting some shelving in the second closet. The group would also like to get rid of the 'square' sewing machine as it does not work. It would also be appreciated if items brought in for the group could be left in the office until someone from crafts goes through it. The group is also looking for drying racks or peg board to display items on for the bazaar.

Bread: A change may be coming in the bread program. Most of the volunteers who do the pick up are not able to do it this summer.

Sound System: The Advisory Committee requested that a built-in sound system for the banquet room be investigated and put in next year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.