

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2013
9:00 a.m.

SeaTac Community Center
Conference Room

Call to Order: The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Alice Belenski, Fred Geraldson, Jon Ancell, Margaret Gray, Victoria Lockwood and Donna Ellenberger. Shirley Coulson was excused.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Kathleen Cummings, Senior Services Supervisor

GUESTS PRESENT: Ralph Sweitzer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes dated January 15, 2013 were approved as written.

SEATAC CAFÉ:

There are new tables being used for senior lunches. They are smaller and seat 8 people. The top of each table is one piece and does not fold in half. This should address the problem we have had with the bigger tables of becoming concave and uneven. It is also easier for the seniors to reach the Lazy Susans. So far, the response has been positive. The newer tables will be used on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The larger tables will still be used on Wednesdays.

Several infection control measures were taken at the end of January. These were in response to concerns about the flu and cold season. The salad bar was put on hiatus and individual salads have been served in its place. This has actually been well received. The salad bar is expected back in March.

Tablecloths were also removed from the tables. This helps ensure that the tables are sanitized pre and post use. Though the tablecloths were wiped down after each use, it was more difficult to keep them clean and sanitary. This process has led us to re-think the use of the tablecloths. Between the new tables and various colored placemats, the tables have looked fine. The quality of the plastic tablecloths has been declining and we are now looking at using tablecloths for just the main special events.

There was a question about health inspections for the kitchen. Kathleen explained that the City has a food permit from the Health Department and that we receive periodic surprise inspections. We always do well and generally have no points deducted from the maximum score of 100.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- St. Patrick's Luncheon, Friday, March 15 ~ Entertainment will be the Irish youth dancers and the Hanky Panky Band.
- Spring Luncheon, Wednesday, March 27 ~ Entertainment by the Hanky Panky Band.
- The Sweetie Pancake Breakfast went well. Everyone there had a great time and the food was good. However we don't draw a lot of people to the breakfast and it is not cost effective. It was likely our last Saturday pancake breakfast.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ralph asked for an update on volunteer drivers. Kathleen reported that she spoke with Human Resources and they were waiting to hear back from the insurance company about the driver certification program. Kathleen is hoping to have some definitive information by the end of February.

NEW BUSINESS

Several items were brought up including:

- Posting of minutes from the Advisory Committee meetings. This will resume.
- It was suggested that photos of staff be posted. Kent Senior Center does this.
- Provide a male and female escort on trips. It was suggested that this would help those who needed assistance using facilities, etc. Though Kathleen acknowledged the validity of the idea, individuals who are not independent cannot be on trips by themselves. A discussion of the role of caregivers on trips followed.
- Concern about the Bunko group was brought up. It was suggested that the group play as a typical drop-in group and whoever shows up can play. If too many are present, the overflow can go home or play another game – which is similar to how other drop-ins play. Kathleen wasn't sure this would work as Bunko generally needs 12 players to make it work and is a difficult game to play with vacancies. At present, the group plays with substitutes who fill in when regulars can't play. Staff will discuss with the Bunko group.
- A question came up regarding the status of the horseshoe pit. Kathleen understood that Community Development Block Grant funding would be requested this year for the project.
- Questions also came up regarding the construction by the basketball court and the status of the remote control car track. The construction by the basketball court is for the new skate park.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.