

Minnetonka Senior Citizens

Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday October 10, 2017

Roll Call. Present: Vickey Brouillette, Fran Dranginis, Judi Hanson, Dick King, Tom O'Reilly, Ron Parker, Tom Scott, Bonnie Sussman, Bob Waddell, Wendy Woodfill.

Excused: Chris Meyer, Tim Temple. **Staff:** Steve Pieh, Alicia Watts

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

President's Report:

- Tom thanked board members for attending the Senior Community Services (SCS) workshop. Information on the various generations was extremely useful and valuable.
- We are hoping to tour a senior facility at one of upcoming board meetings.
- Tom will explore the possibility of a briefing of the city's transportation plan.
- Please consider attending the city's volunteer recognition event on November 1st

Staff Report:

- Alicia and Steve gave an overview of senior programming publicity deadlines. Information for programs scheduled for next April through August is due November 1st.
- It is often difficult to book rooms as they are in high demand.
- Recommendations for new programs and trips are always welcome.
- A new brochure has been developed that provides an introduction to services and programs offered by Minnetonka Senior Services (MSS).
- Loren Gordon and Julie Wischnack from the Minnetonka Planning Department and Community Development Department, gave a detailed presentation of a recent housing study. The results are in draft form and will be posted on the city's website when complete. The top five observations are:
 1. Of the 45,000 people who work in Minnetonka, approximately 4,000 live here.
 2. The Met Council would like Minnetonka to grow faster in terms of number of residents.
 3. Residents are aging in place.
 4. The number of affordable housing units is decreasing.
 5. The city needs more affordable rental units.

Take-aways include the following:

1. There is a strong employment base.
2. There is pent up demand for housing.
3. Minnetonka has a great variety of amenities.
4. Wide scale change will not happen quickly.
5. SWLRT is happening.

Old Business:

- Dick King's update included the following information:
 1. The first memory café will be held on December 19th with Lisa Engdahl from SCS. The Minnetonka Center for the Arts (MCFTA) will be offering an art activity.
 2. The grant that the MCFTA received includes a shared story project, a garden totem project and a gallery tour. All projects are designed for people with dementia and their caregiver.
- There will be a Dementia Friends one year celebration on November 27 following the Community Connections presentation.
- The first Frauds and Scams presentation is October 30 at 10:30a.m.

New Business:

- New board member Tom O'Reilly was introduced. A second new member Miranda Aurelien will join the board next month.

Committee Reports:

- Sunshine: Thank you cards were sent out to Tracy Anderson of Home Care Assistance for sponsoring dessert at Italian Night and to Marlie DeRynck of Meridian Manor for sponsoring dessert at Lunch and a Movie. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Marge Wright.
- Volunteer: More volunteers are needed to help sort books for the book sale.

Dates to Remember:

- Community Dance: Friday, Oct. 13, 6:15 – 9:00p.m.
- Book and Pie Sale: Tuesday, Oct. 24 11:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
- Hopkins ProPEL students: Wednesday, Oct. 25 1:20p.m.
- Community Connections: Thursday, October 26 10:15a.m. featuring author Eric Dregni

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Woodfill, Secretary.