

Senior Citizens
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 20th, 2015

Members Present:
Mike Rickus
Nancy Warneke
Ann Way

City Reps Present: P.O'Callaghan
J. Protiva
L. Swanson

A. Roll call

B. Minutes Not presented at this meeting

C. Citizens Comments

D. New Business

Mike Rickus gave an overview of the groups that have been working with John Baker. The Friends, the Association and the Advisory. Three areas have been identified to work with under the general topic of usage of the 60+ Activity Center. First: Increase Awareness, Second: Establish and Create Fiscal Support and Third: Facilities. Work groups have been established and they have been planning, producing and implementing changes and programs.

Ann Way reported on her progress with the group, increase awareness. Two educational sessions planned; one with the Oregon Hunters Association in September and the other with NOAH the date TBA. Discussion on where and how to disseminate activity information that is geared for more male participation. Flyers will be distributed to the Elks, Big 5, Eagles and other areas. Ann will continue to plan both educational sessions and trips to encourage more male participation.

More ideas were shared about possible activities that might attract more male participation. Water and salmon restoration projects and trail building. Jim Protiva furnished the contact for the Wilder trail system. Jay Robinson 541 867-3404 or 541 264-0945. Discussion on Newport Tree City planning. Currently there is nothing in the works. Community Gardens for the City is located at Frank Wade Park behind the kid's club house. Anyone wanting more information, please contact J. Protiva.

Peggy played the 1st draft video produced by Jeff Silverman to help promote the 60+ Center. The video is approximately 2 minutes long. Over all the group enjoyed the video and thought it would be an excellent promotional video. The group reviewed and gave comments. She will work with Jeff to implement the changes.

L. Swanson from the usage facilities group provided mock up signs for the interior of the 60+ center. The group chose design one and Peggy will have the signs made up at true designs. Three interior signs will be placed at each interior entrance.

Mike Rickus reported from the facilities group. He reviewed the parking challenges for the center. He suggested that the signage be made now for the West side parking lot, to indicate Senior Center parking ONLY. Jim Protiva will meet with appropriate city personnel to see that it is done. Mike also shared that a local information/resource book has already been published. This had been on the list to accomplish. New interior monitors are in place to list activities and special events. This was all thanks to a private donation that the Friends of the Newport Senior Center received for that purpose. The monitors are in place at both upstairs entrances. The plaque that was removed to hang one of the monitors and will be re-installed by the drinking fountain.

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Peggy reported from the Facilities group that she will meet with Larry Beggs about reviewing the interior design of the west entrance. The group indicated that the entrance is uninviting, dark and restrictive. Some of the group's suggestions were: increase lighting, more windows on the library/lounge wall, windows between the hallway and multipurpose room, rounding the entrance to the library/ lounge area, remove Pepsi machine and install a small art gallery and remove second doorway. Peggy also reported that the Pepsi machine usage is down. The group had suggested previously to remove the machine if usage was down. She will contact the company to have the machine removed.

Nancy Warneke with the Establish Fiscal Support group reviewed their accomplishments and invited us to their next meeting August 14th . They will have a guest speaker from RSVP.

Mike reported that a draft letter needs to be produced to officially change the name from the Newport Senior Center to the Newport 60+ Activity center. The letter will be drafted by Peggy.

Meeting adjourned

Next Special Meeting with John Baker, Monday, August 17th @ 10:00am

Next Advisory Meeting Monday, August 24th @ 10:30 am