Senior Advisory Board Minutes

August 25, 2010 10:30 a.m. Rose Park Senior Activity Center

The Bi-Annual Meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board was held at G. V. Daniels Senior Center. Those in attendance were: Leroy King, Myrle Raley, Cynthia Cooke, Harriet Connor, Eddie Hodges, and Emory Walton. Staff members present were: Tony Neitzler, Lesli Andrews, Stanley Smith, and Julie Sartor. Members Absent: Paul Rehm and Linda Rutledge Smith

<u>Recognition of Retired Board Member:</u> Hazel Forkerway was recognized for serving on the Senior Advisory Board from 1999-2009. Hazel was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a volunteer pin for her years of service.

New Board Members: Introduction of newest board member Joe Lopez. Joe gave information about himself and his background. Joe attends Sears Senior Activity Center on a regular basis. Stan Smith was also introduced. Stan is from the legal department and filled in for our regular staff Kelly Messer.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Eddie Hodges made the motion to elect Leroy King to be the Chair for the Senior Advisory Board and this motion was seconded by Harriet Connor and with all in favor the motion carried. Mr. King suggested Emory Walton for Vice-Chair, Cynthia Cooke motioned that Mr. Lopez be the Vice-Chair since he represents the Senior Advisory Board at both centers. Mr. Walton indicated that he would relinquish nomination and motion that Mr. Lopez be Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Harriet Connor and with all in favor the motion carried.

Elected for Chair: Leroy King Elected for Vice-Chair: Joe Lopez

Recommendation to Amend Bylaws: There had been discussion to change bi-annual meeting of the Senior Advisory Board to quarterly meeting. Lesli Andrews explained about the bylaws and in 2005 the board voted to change from quarterly to bi-annual meetings. However this change was never reflected officially in the bylaws, so in fact according to our bylaws the Senior Advisory Board meets on a quarterly basis. There was discussion among board members about meeting quarterly. Mr. Hodges said it would be okay to meet quarterly; Ms. Connor likes to meet quarterly to keep up with things. Mr. King said meeting only every six months was a long time and at times there is not anything to discuss but other times there are. Mr. Hodges commented that basically things can change and as an advisory board we need to meet and be aware of things. Ms. Cooke commented that meeting more frequently and meet at all centers would show support from the board. Mr. Lopez agreed that this would show support and we should meet at different centers. No motion was made and the meetings for the Senior Advisory Board will stay quarterly.

<u>Summation of Survey (Taken at Rose Park):</u> Ms. Andrews told the board of Rose Park's new Part-time Program Coordinator Laura Holbrook did a survey at Rose Senior Center to get ideas and suggestions for programming. We put out fifty surveys on our front volunteer desk and thirty six were completed and turned in. In each board members packet was a breakdown of the thirty

six surveys that were turned in. Some of the suggestions are already in progress or about to begin. Out of these suggestions there will be an Arts and Craft class starting October 1st, Poetry reading class which will start in September and will continue to work on other suggestions and ideas. Ms. Cooke wanted to know if this survey will be done at all the centers. Ms. Andrews said that she would visit with all of the center coordinators about conducting a survey. Mr. Walton told the board that Councilman Robert Briley had come to Rose Park to see the center, because he had never been here before. Mr. Lopez would like to see more participation between centers. Sears Senior Center had to cancel a field trip because of another field trip scheduled at Rose. Mr. Lopez would like centers to coordinate so that special events are not too close together. Ms. Andrew indicated that this past summer communication between the programs had been busy due to the summer program, but meetings are back on schedule and things are getting back to normal.

Request for Topics of Interest: Ms. Andrews asked the board members that if they had any ideas for topics or any items of interest. Mr. Hodges indicated since we will be meeting that the board can handle topics better. Ms. Andrews asked the board if they did come up with any ideas they could let her know or Julie Sartor.

<u>Participation Report:</u> Ms. Andrews gave the participation and indicated the numbers are down, but that we are actually streamlining how we count and making sure are numbers are as accurate as possible. Also that the City's mandatory furlough days, in which the centers were closed impacted the numbers for the last quarter.

Mr. Hodges commented that the meals are wonderful. Mr. King told the board that Rose Senior Activity Center has posted all of the center's monthly calendars in their display case. Mr. Hodges wanted to know if we are using all of the centers to their capabilities. He gave the example of the torn pool table at Daniels and the computers at their facility. Ms. Andrews said that the table will be repaired through the budget and the computers will be better in the next 3 weeks due to the improved high speed internet that will be available.

<u>Upcoming Events:</u> Ms. Andrews told about the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be at all of the centers on November 19th, the annual Family Holiday Festival on December 10th, this is Rose Park's Senior Activity Center annual fundraiser. The next Leisure guide will go out again this month. Ms. Connor wanted to know if the closing of the Adult Day Care Center has had any impact on the senior centers. Ms. Andrews did not know that it has at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Julie Sartor - Secretary for the Board

Minutes approved by: