

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

Members present at meeting: LouAnn Ballew and Sandy Marion, Co-Chairs; Eileen Englehart, Sadru Kachra, Pam Madison, Linda McCrystal, Margie Meyer, Jan Montgomery, Joan Schnebele, Patti Trepanier, Shirin Velji

Guest: Deanna Francis

Staff present: Marty Boggs, Senior Program Administrator and Karen Phillips, Senior Program Coordinator

Management present: Carrie Hite, Parks & Recreation Director and Loreen Hamilton, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director

Welcome

Marty and Karen welcomed everyone in attendance.

Minutes - The February 18 SAC meeting minutes were approved.

Parks Director Update – Carrie Hite

- Carrie reported that work is progressing on the upcoming summer camp programs.
- Directors are moving forward with plans to safely reopen City Hall and other City facilities as directed by the Governor's office and recommended CDC guidelines.
- The hiring process is underway for Parks' supplemental employees for the upcoming summer season.
- Carrie met with Jim Whitney, Medical Services Administrator for the Redmond Fire Department to discuss the potential for a community clinic for seniors to receive COVID vaccinations. It was decided that many seniors have appointments for vaccines now or are waiting for a specific type therefore the need for a clinic doesn't justify the cost. Information about vaccinations will continue to be provided in lunches, to vulnerable populations and senior housing groups as needed.
- Carrie then described the process when the Edmonds Senior Center, which ran as a non-profit in a city owned and maintained building, needed to be rebuilt and restructured. The Edmonds City Council was very supportive of the project as was the community. The center also has an operational agreement with Bastyr University to provide a clinic and social workers for the seniors.

Redmond Senior and Community Center

- Potential partner interviews for preconstruction services are being held to narrow the field of five candidates down to one. LouAnn provided public meeting schedules and a link to RSVP. The City Council should reach a decision in July. Please email or call the Deputy Director's office for any questions.

Older American Month Nominees

- Nominations for three seniors and three groups for Older American Month have been received. Ballots are going out and the awards will be presented on May 4th.
 - Deanna Francis
 - Dedicated voice for the structure of the new senior center – Stakeholders
 - Valuable member of SAC, recent co-chair
 - Welcoming to newcomers
 - Saturday Book Group - faciitator
 - Linda Clark
 - Garden Project – consistent and very inclusive leadership
 - SAC member and co-chair in the recent past
 - Garden work through pandemic with smile
 - Virginia Serna
 - Oversees several interest groups i.e. Writing Your Life Story, Friday Book Group
 - Peters Creek
 - Persistent excellent quality of desserts
 - Holiday meal in December 2020
 - Flexible and willingness to step up when needed
 - SAC tour/lunch
 - Contributions to Redmond Senior Programming
 - Emerald Heights
 - Support of Redmond Senior Programming in many ways (funds, water bottle donations for lunch program, etc)
 - Kiwanis Club
 - Funded an outstanding Thanksgiving meal in November 2020 for 150 curbside seniors
 - Kiwanis members provided a warm, welcoming greeting to lunch line up of cars

Virtual Suggestion Box

- Please remind others to use this resource.

Recreation Program Manager Report - Jeff Hagen

- In Jeff's absence, Marty reported that while there are no indoor rentals allowed, outdoor camps and field rentals are still generating income for the City.

Senior Programs Administrator Update – Marty Boggs:

- Marty reported that six seniors have been nominated for the Sound Generations Positive Image Ageing Award for their community service and are as follows: LouAnn Ballew, Deanna Francis, Sandy Marion, Brian Baker, Linda Clark and Karen Chau. The award will be presented at a luncheon on June 3rd.
- The curbside lunch program continues to go very well; lunches currently provided by BJ's Restaurant. In May and June, Fairwinds will provide additional funding for the lunch program

and meals will be provided twice per week. The program will start to include volunteers again in May.

Program Coordinator Report: Karen Phillips

- The Meals on Wheels (MOW) program also continues to go well.
- There has been discussion about how the future looks for the fitness instructors and interest groups that are currently being held via Zoom. All of the programs are very well attended and some attendees have expressed an interest in continuing in this forum. The future may be a hybrid of both types of programs.

Subcommittee Reports – Tabled until next meeting.

Adjournment