



City of Lake Oswego 50-Plus Advisory Board

Thursday, May 14, 2009
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Members 2008-2009:

Gail Zimmerman, Chair
Thomas Brennan
Ruth Cohen
Nanci Cummings
Janine Dunphy
James Laughton
Meagan Lawler
Kathy Long Holland
Vacant

Oswego Room
West End Building (WEB)
4101 Kruse Way

For Information: 503-675-6407

City Staff:

Kristin Johnson, City Council Liaison
Kim Gilmer, PR Director (Optional)
Ann Adrian, ACC Manager
Teresa O'Halloran, ACC Admin

Approved Minutes

Guests: Leslie Foren, Norma Heyser

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

- I. Roll Call
Present: Gail Zimmerman, Ruth Cohen, Nanci Cummings, Janine Dunphy, James Laughton, Kathy Long Holland, Meagan Lawler, Thomas Brennan, Ann Adrian, ACC Manager, Teresa O'Halloran, ACC Admin. Excused: Councilor Johnson
- II. Approval of 4/9/2009 and 2/09 minutes
- III. February minutes are still in draft form
Ms. Zimmerman called for a motion to approve the April minutes.
Ms. Dunphy made the motion; Ms. Long Holland seconded the motion
Minutes approved with minor changes.
- IV. Open Public Communications - There was no public participation.
Edwin Blossom came to observe; possible board applicant.
- V. Introduction of LONAC representative – The board welcomed Ms. Norma Heyser as the new liaison to this board from LONAC. LONAC began in the early 1990s and has evolved into an organization similar to the Chamber of Commerce except that it is for neighborhoods. This organization provides an avenue for City staff, neighborhoods', and for boards to come together to exchange ideas and be educated on the processes and policies of City Hall as well on projects of interest. Ms. Heyser said she is passionate about senior/affordable housing.
- VI. ACC Update
Ms. Adrian reported that Parks & Rec. department is in the midst of budgeting for the next year. This year the City moved away from a biannual budget to an annual budget. The future of the West End Building (WEB) has been part of budget discussions and how we may or may not fit into the WEB has also been part of the puzzle.

The ACC has been delving into brain health topics and programs and has been working with students from Marylhurst on a project to re-model the Center with brain health in mind. The

project includes incorporating healthy spaces for aging populations in the upstairs lounge areas. A proposal is in the works for obtaining funds through the Oregon Foundation.

Update on MySeniorCenter™ – Ms. O'Halloran provided a summary on the new key tag software system introduced at the ACC. This system replaces the entire manual reporting process and includes; volunteer hours, meals counts, equipment rentals, and much more. The major reduction in paper usage helps reduce our carbon footprint. The next two months will be our pilot period where we can troubleshoot any issues prior to relying on the new system reports beginning July 1.

VII. Review of purpose of 50+ Board

A short review of the purpose and creation of this board was presented by Ms. Dunphy. This board's focus is the city's residents who are 50 and above. This board reports to the City Council and advises the council, not the ACC. Our liaison is logically Ms. Adrian from the ACC. Ms. Dunphy explained that this board's agenda can involve any issue or project affecting 50+ citizens, including senior projects such as the Oakridge Park housing project. A city councilor is appointed to serve as a city council liaison to the board. Ms. Dunphy said the 50+ Dialogue report is the only document currently that reports statistics and needs relating to seniors in the City. There was discussion regarding whether there was a need to update this report.

Ms. Dunphy also reported that one of our past board members, Dan Baer, recently passed away. The board sends its condolences to his family.

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

VIII. Old Business

a. Neighbors Helping Neighbors Update

Ms. Cummings reported that this volunteer project turned out to be a wonderful day with about 50 volunteers participating in completing yard work for 16 senior households in the community. The coverage in the newspaper was great. She said several individuals and organizations needed to be recognized. They included: Dawn D'Haeze, Diana Smith-Bower, Starbucks who donated goods, Allied Waste who assisted with the collection of the debris, Kruse Way Rotary, and Alpine Mortgage, who provided volunteers. Ms. Dunphy and Ms. Cummings are working on a letter to the editor regarding this effort and future efforts. A date for a fall project is under discussion. The tentative date of September 26 was set.

b. Housing

Mr. Brennan has been working with Mr. Dan Vinzini regarding housing issues. He is working to develop verbiage to be added into the comprehension plan update. Some questions remain regarding formatting the suggestions for submission. Mr. Brennan suggested a meeting with Mr. Sidaro Sin and perhaps he could supply us with a model or template.

Ms. Long Holland reminded us that finding a new Stephan Lashbrook to champion the SDU issue is the challenge. Ms. Zimmerman will check on who is the right person now to take over this cause.

Ms. Zimmerman shared with the board communications regarding the sale of the Korean Church in FAN (2 acres/west end of FAN) First Addition Neighborhood. The 50+ Board is interested in supporting the purchase of this land for affordable and alternative housing. This would need to be a grass roots effort, with the board supporting it. Ms. Lawler questioned the zoning issues within that neighborhood. A discussion ensued regarding affordable vs. alternative housing and what the difference between the two is. Ms. Cohen asked if the City Council is aware of these two types of housing and if we share the same definitions and understanding of these words.

c. Transportation

Ms. Zimmerman reported that sidewalks appear to be a bigger issue with neighborhoods rather than crosswalks. There have been national studies that show that crosswalks in general are an issue. Seniors report that the lack of sidewalks in certain areas within Lake Oswego poses an extreme danger to pedestrians. Ms. Adrian reported that OHSU is currently doing a study on accessibility in getting around individual neighborhoods.

d. Education Panel

Ms. Lawler reported on the education panel proposal. She reported that they questioned whether or not they need permission and who would give such permission. They would like to invite various resources in the community to exam finances and senior issues. Ms. Lawler and Ms. Long Holland will create a proposal for this event for review next time. It was suggested that they speak with Ms. Gilmer, Parks Director. A discussion of when to hold this event ensued with the feeling that it should be sooner (summer) rather than later.

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

IX. New Business

a. Elders in Action

Ms. Leslie Foren provided an update on the organization, Elders in Action. Elders in Action did participate in the 50+ Dialogues and has been working within the City for some time. Elders in Action want to continue the relationship it has established with the community. The overall goal is to make Lake Oswego elderly- friendly and working with the 50+ Board is one avenue to making this goal happen.

The Adult Community Center was recently certified as Elder- Friendly through this program. The hope is to evaluate other city facilities and certify them as well. Ms. Foren also shared details on the various programs and opportunities available for seniors ranging from recreation to resources.

- b. Web Discussions – Ms. Dunphy attended some of the strategy meeting on the WEB building. The guiding principals were created by several city councilors who had opposing opinions on the WEB building's future. It was determined that the ACC was not as in physically bad shape as other buildings within the City and therefore was not included in the overall findings and/or recommendations prepared by the City. Ms. Dunphy suggested that this board get involved in these public discussions and share your opinions on the WEBs future. There are survey forms available if you are not able to attend any of these public forums. Check the City's website www.ci.oswego.or.us or stop by City Hall.

X. Next Meeting Date June 11, 8:30a

XI. Adjourn

References:

50+ Draft Meeting Minutes 4/09/09

2009 Updated Work Plan