



Minutes

June 1, 2010

Members Present: Bonita Sharpee, Cindy Bright, Deborah Bordeaux, Donna Fenske, Sharda Khilnani, Les Tryon, Don Daria, Mark Roberts and Mayor Vivian Jones.

Members Absent: Wanda Mukherjee.

Staff Present: Susan Simpson, Parks & Recreation
Carol Battle, Resources for Seniors
Rebecca Freeman, Resources for Seniors

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bonita Sharpee called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES

ACTION: Deborah Bordeaux made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Don Daria seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Sharda Khilnani asked to add a report on Aging Populations. This will be under New Business, item 7b. Donna Fenske brought up some housekeeping issues and Ms. Simpson stated it would become item 7c under New Business.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Don Daria gave a growth report. At the end of 2009, the membership was 1391. Through April 30, 2010 the membership is 1454. This is a growth rate of 4.5% or 63 members thus far in 2010. In 2009, membership for the same period of time was 8%. He indicated that daily sign-ins is up for 2010. Two hundred twelve members sign-in each day while in 2009 only 117 were signing in on a daily basis. This may be due to better, more accurate counts of those attending classes and events each day. Mr. Daria reminded the board that the growth reports were started to assist in the expansion of the center. With the completion of the first phase and the other two slated for completion in the Town's Capital Improvements Plan, he feels that we don't need to continue to provide this information. The board agreed that we don't need this each meeting but would like to have it provided on an annual basis. Mr. Daria will make this presentation in March.

Ms. Simpson and Ms. Battle both reported that the awards for the center and RFS had been displayed on the walls coming into the new expansion space. Ms. Sharpe asked if we had used both walls. Ms. Battle reminded the board that we agreed for one side to be for Center awards related to the Town and the other side for Resources for Seniors' program awards.

The last item of business was an update of the bollards and rope that will be put up by the maintenance staff to prevent parking all along the grass behind the building. This is a safety issue and it also tears up grass and prevents adequate drainage from the building. Ms. Simpson stated that she has not been to discuss with the seniors yet but will accomplish this before the next meeting. Mayor Jones asked about the stairs that were to be built between the American Legion building and the Center. Ms. Battle stated that Roe O'Donnell had told her that the money is in the new budget and will not get built until after July. Don Daria asked about crosswalks near the Post Office for seniors that park at the Post Office and walk over. The Mayor asked about one at the Bus Stop. Several members stated that one is there. Mayor Jones and Ms. Simpson will talk with Eric Keravuori, Director of Engineering to determine an appropriate place.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Battle gave a staff report. She mentioned the Golden Jubilee and said that Mark Roberts and Sharda Khilnani both did a great job. It is another way to reach seniors. She mentioned Health promotions, Art at the Center on Saturday, June 12. She introduced Jerry Glenn who teaches computer classes and mentioned how they are growing. Sharda Khilnani is still hosting the Teas for new members. The Center will be holding a Resource Fair for vendors who serve seniors. She mentioned a Safe Driving course as well.

The next item of business was brought up by Sharda Khilnani. She passed out an article about a playground for seniors that open in London's Hyde Park. It helps older citizens stay fit. She asked if Wake Forest could possibly have something like this. Ms. Simpson said that this kind of playground is already in the works for E. Carroll Joyner Park. She mentioned that Landscape Architect Mark Robinson had sent an article about this type of playground and wanted to incorporate this at Joyner Park. The playground will be in the second phase of the park and will include pieces for seniors, families and children with special needs. Ms. Simpson stated that the local Kiwanis club is supporting this effort by helping to raise money for the playground at their fundraisers over the next several years. Deborah Bordeaux indicated that the Physical Therapy community might like to be involved in this effort.

The last item of business was a discussion brought up by Donna Fenske about housekeeping issues at the Center. She wants to make sure the facility is kept in good shape.

She mentioned bulletin boards, and other things that could be move, re-worked, etc. to keep the Center looking professional. She mentioned the books in the lobby and papers stuck on doors. Some of these changes are just visual. Ms. Simpson recommended that Chairperson Boni Sharpee appoint a committee to look at these issues and report back to the group any changes that they have made. Ms. Sharpee appointed Donna Fenske, Deborah Bordeaux, Carol Battle and Susan Simpson to the Internal Beautification Committee. She asked Ms. Fenske to Chair the committee. Ms. Simpson recommended that they go one room at a time so as not to get overwhelmed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simpson, Secretary

Bonita Sharpee, Chairperson