

## RENTON MAYOR'S SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Baylor, Peggy Budziu, Mij Charbonneau, Dorothy Cook, Ruby Griffin, Sandy Polley, Karla Nuss, Charles Robinson and Milt Tiede.

EXCUSED: Kay Stone, Marge Cochran-Reep, Vicki Richards and Bill Clapp,

STAFF: Shawn Daly, Debbie Little, Terry Higashiyama and Kris Stimpson

CALL TO ORDER: President Pat Baylor called the meeting to order at 10:00

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion – Mij, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Peggy, to approve the minutes of the 8/17/15 after some minor corrections. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT REMARKS: Pat let it be known that Eric Eastberg had passed away in the middle of August He was long-time Board Member and also a Meals-on-Wheels volunteer – he will be missed.

Pat had further bad news – Lottie Calhoun – a long time attendee and benefactor of the Senior Center, also passed away. Sandy stated that a statement in the obituary notice asked instead of flowers people should donate the funds in Lottie's name to the senior Center.

TREASURER REPORT: Sandra Polley reports a Bank balance as of 9/13/15 of \$19,527.32.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR: Shawn Daly

Shawn related how Eric fell at home and after 5 days in the hospital passed away. He continued stating that we have one person on the list as candidate to fill the vacancy on the Board. Her name is Helena Tang. Also chef Cheri has quit having landed a job with a greater opportunity. There is a temporary person following through in the food service department.

During the 2 weeks shutdown of the Senior Center - the Facilities Department did a great job including a thorough clean up. They installed grab bars in all the restrooms and changed the counter tops. The windows in the poolroom were measured and will be replaced in about 5 weeks after that they will install the tinting to eliminate glare. There was a case of vandalism – the window in the door to the crafts room was smashed but there were no signs of entry. There was even evidence of some fires set around the outside. The question came up – are there

any security cameras around. The answer is YES. Which also recorded some thieves parking a stolen car in the parking lot. It was suggested to post some signs announcing the presents of security cameras.

Sylvester Cugini donated \$2000 again for the Bingo game gift cards which he has been doing in the name of his mother for years.

On 10/27, 10/29 and 11/4 there will be collectively 120 7<sup>th</sup> graders from the Renton Middle schools coming to have Lunch with the Seniors.

RECREATION COORDINATOR: Debbie Little highlighted some of the classes and events coming up:

- 10/6 // 10:00-11:00 Bunco playing in Auditorium
- 10/6 // 1:00-2:00 Tai Chi in Auditorium
- 10/6 // 2:15-4:15 Line Dance in Auditorium
- Wednesday evenings the Senior Center is open again
- 10/7 // 6:00-7:30 iPad Basics Computer room
- 10/9 // 9:30-11:00 Discussion group in Special Service room
- 10/9 // 12:30-2:30 Open Watercolor in Crafts room
- 10/13 // 9:00-3:00 Woodland Park Zoo tour
- 10/14 // 11:15- National Dessert Day in Auditorium
- 10/14 // 7:00-8:30 Planning for Retirement – Health Insurance?
- 10/15 // 9:30-11:30 Photoshop Basics
- No Banjo Club until 2016

DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Kris Stimpson

- Kris suggested that a future Board meeting might be held at the New Library.
- Kris also reported back to the group that she had spoken to the City of Renton ADA coordinator (Gary Lamb), a plumbing building inspector from the planning department, and a facility staff person, regarding the possibility of opening a door into the hallway to improve the wheelchair access. Unfortunately it is against code to have a restroom without a sink
- Kris attended a conference and compared attendances with other Senior Centers – we had a much larger attendance.
- Then she put up a chart of projects and an item showing what has been achieved and what still requires working on.

DIRECTOR: Terry Higashiyama

Terry gave an overview of resources available to seniors. She covered Housing repair for people that need help. Also covered low cost housing – like the complex by Fred Meyer. She cited a report where the City of Renton is rated 66 in the country for walking trails. Had an example of a booklet showing the local

Legislators that is available for everyone. If you call 211 you get answers to human services for questions you may have.

WRITEN and/or ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Sandy brought up the need for a decision on paying for space in local publications – like small ads in the weekly paper and/or in the Resource Guide. This item was tabled for consideration by the Marketing Sub committee.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

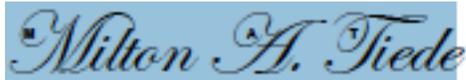
None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Charles raised the question of a Certificate of Merit and privileges to be given to persons that provided long time service to the Board. It was reported that the Mayor does send an individual letter to such persons already.

President Pat Baylor adjourned the meeting at 10:50

Pat Baylor, President

A blue rectangular box containing the signature "Milton A. Tiede" in a cursive script.

Milt Tiede PE, Secretary Pro Tem