

STATEMENT OF VISION

Lafayette's panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains inspires our view into the future. We value our heritage, our unique neighborhoods, a vibrant economy and active life-styles. We envision a future that mixes small town livability with balanced growth and superior city services.

Senior Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2014 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Lafayette Senior Center 103 S. Iowa Ave

Board Members Present:

Carl Miller (late), Bob Magin, Carol Poore, Jay Ruggeri, Denise Ramunda, Bob Hanes (alternate)

Board Members Absent: Robin Osborne (excused), Christine Kracker-Gabriel

City Council Liaison: Brad Wiesley

Senior Services/City Staff:

Vern Swanagon, staff liaison

Curt Cheesman, Director Recreation, Facility Management & Senior Services

Public Representative:

None

OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Due to the absence of both the chairman and vice chairman, Jay Ruggeri agreed to conduct the meeting. It was called to order at 3:45 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Bob Hanes, the new alternate board member was introduced and welcomed.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Bob Magin moved that the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting be approved. Denise Ramunda seconded the motion and it was passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Brad Wiesley reported that the City Council held its goal-setting session and staff is now working on adding details and designating responsibilities before the goals are presented to the public.

AARP volunteers are offering help with income tax preparation to seniors and low-income persons at the Lafayette Public Library on Tuesdays from 1-4 PM.

STAFF REPORT:

Vern Swanagon distributed flyers advertising the "Tacos & Trumpets" event at Affinity on March 11.

Vern reported 10 participants attended the Focus Group for younger seniors. One conclusion resulting from that discussion is that the senior center is attempting to serve two generations and the younger folks want different programs from those offered to older people.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSING:

Jay Ruggeri reported on the committee's meeting with Kevin Harkins, an architect who advised on the plans for Josephine Commons. A discussion of how to achieve visitability in new housing revealed useful information. It's important to have specific requirements to get what you want.

One key is that civil engineers, who deal with elevations, the important element in visitability, don't work with the architects so it's necessary to ask for the grading plan along with the sketch plan when previewing housing plans.

PR/MARKETING:

No report.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNGER SENIORS:

No report.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

Chairman Bob Magin is exploring what creative activities are available in Lafayette.

FOUNDATION:

There was no report but later in the meeting Curt Cheesman advised the Board that he and Vern Swanagon may need to recruit members for the Foundation so that efforts can go forward with grant applications and fundraising. Changing the name of the Foundation is also being considered.

ACC:

Vern Swanagon made a presentation at the February meeting, giving an update on activities and events at the Lafayette Senior Center. A representative of Imagine also gave an update on their programs.

NUTRITION:

Vern Swanagon continues to work on statistics, showing an increase in the number of meals served in the lunch program. The grant application for 2014-15 funding cannot ask for more money but the AAA will try to find additional funds for the program. Lunch

attendees have reached 70 on several days, which is capacity for the dining room so ideas are being discussed as to how more people can be accommodated. It could come to assigning priority to those with the greatest need.

The Resource Coordinator, Lorna Beard, is now spending 36% of her time supervising the lunch program and its attendant responsibilities.

HOSPITALITY:

Chairman Lela Rippeth sent 19 "Happy New Year" cards. Bob Magin moved that \$150 of the Advisory Board budget of \$500 be designated for the purchase of cards for the hospitality chairman to send. Bob Hanes seconded the motion and it carried.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

2014 STRATEGIC GOALS:

Board members were given copies of the 2013 Strategic Goals and asked to review them in preparation for the March meeting, bringing suggestions for updates to the next meeting.

Board members selected the committee on which they would serve for the year. Bob Magin chose to stay on Community Awareness and Denise Ramunda will join him. Jay Ruggeri and Carol Poore will continue to serve on Housing. There was discussion as to what to do about the PR/Marketing Committee but no conclusions were reached.

SAB MEMBERS TO VISIT RESIDENTS:

It was suggested that the Board meeting on April 9 be held at Josephine Commons and at Affinity on May 14. Vern Swanagon will make the necessary arrangements.

ALTERNATE BOARD POSITION:

There was discussion about filling the second alternate Board position and the consensus was that it should be filled. Members reviewed the two applications for this opening. Bob Magin moved that Patricia Brazee be appointed to the alternate position. Bob Hanes seconded the motion and it passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS for next month's meeting:

Updates for 2014 Board goals

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 12 at 3:30 P.M. at Lafayette Senior Services, 103 S. Iowa Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Poore, Secretary

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