Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2013
Lafayette, Senior Services

Board Members Present:
Carol Poore, Bob Magin, Ruth Gensert Jones, Robin Osborne, Mike Eikenberry, Jean Gilmore (alternate 1), and Diane Robison

Board Members Absent:
Jay Ruggeri

City Council Liaison:
Brad Wiesley, City Council

Senior Services Staff:
Vern Swanagon, Senior Services Manager

Public representative:
Pat Vigil

OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Robin Osborne called the meeting to order at 330 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
The January minutes were unanimously approved with the following corrections: Mike Eikenberry is now a voting member, not an alternate and one day per week needs to be added under Vern's report starting with "in December".
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ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:
Pat Vigil attended on behalf of his father and other seniors attending the lunch program at Josephine Commons. He has several concerns of which he wants the Advisory Board to be aware.

1. Safety issues:
    - No zero step at front entrance
      Pat Vigil saw an elderly woman fall and his elderly dad has raised concerns over the same problem.
      It was brought up by Carol Poore that the powers that be are planning to redo the front entrance do to concerns of the residents.
    - There are no phone outlets in the 2nd bedroom of residents who live in Josephine Commons.
    - Snow removal is not satisfactory for seniors.
        - There needs to be a plan for snow removal. Pat Vigil's father had issues attending the lunch program after the last snow. It was explained that this was discussed at the last meeting.
        - Mike Eikenberry tried to go to lunch following a snow and got back into his vehicle because he deemed the lot unsafe.
        - There is a potential issue of water on the lobby floor following a snow or rain posing a safety risk.

2. There is no public phone available for emergences at the front desk or in the lunch area...
    - Two incidents occurred on 2/13/13
        - Pat Vigil needed to call Josephine Commons to check on his father who does not have a cell phone but was attending the lunch program and could not reach him short of physically driving over. He was told at the desk that the phone there was not for public use when he asked for the number in case of a future emergency.
        - Vern brought up another incident occurred the same day.
        - Apparently, because the city runs the lunch program, the City is responsible for a phone in the lunch area.
        - Procedures for emergencies are needed ASAP.
3. Transportation "VIA" is an extra expense some seniors cannot afford. It was explained that this was brought up at the last meeting and there is no solution at this time.
4. Ice water at lunch tastes like chlorine. While it is currently being tested, it obviously has a bad taste.
5. It was suggested to bring all factions together to discuss these problems. The board decided to start with Brad as our City Council liaison. Vern and Diane will get together next week to make a list of specifics to bring to Brad. In addition, there is a meeting on February 20, 2013 at the Lafayette Senior Center. The lunch program for that one day will be held at the Senior Center followed by an open forum to discuss how the lunch program is doing since it has moved to Josephine Commons.
6. Lastly, Pat voiced concern that there were less community seniors going to Josephine Commons than previously. Vern addressed this issue with statistics that actually show the opposite. Both the average number of attendees and donations are up from last year. The break down of the attendees indicates the increase in numbers is due to the attendance of the Josephine Commons' residents.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:
Brad Wiesley was not present.

STAFF REPORTS
Vern reported:

- There is a new part-time employee, Julianne Rockwell, whose hours are Monday-Thursday 12-5 p.m. and Friday 12-4 p.m.
- Renee is working on Senior Day, March 20, 2013. Whoever is interested should register for it (page 20 in the brochure) or contact Renee.
- The open house at Josephine Commons was successful. Jean helped and Tory donated all the food.
- Nutrition Week is March 18-March 22.
    - Vern passed out a schedule of events. Board members are requested to check their schedules and try to attend. There is a conflict on March 20th with Senior Day. Hopefully, some of the Board can attend each.

- Activity Guide—the staff is in the process of putting together the next one. There will be some changes and reorganization.
- The Senior Center is now wifi accessible.
- Several wish list items have been approved in this year's budget—big screen TV, vending machine with healthy snacks, and a changing station in the bathroom.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Vern Swanagon reported on the February meeting:
- Vern reported on what we are doing here in Lafayette.
- There was an Imagine presentation.
- Boulder County reported on housing. Boulder will have new low cost senior housing in the near future.
- Future Josephine Commons expansion was discussed.

HOSPITALITY:
Cards sent by the Hospitality Chairman, Lela Rippeth 1/10/13-2/14/13

Sympathy	0
Get Well	2
Valentine Cards	22

HOUSING:
- DRCOG update
  - No report as Jay Ruggeri was not in attendance.
- Josephine Commons update by Carol Poore.
  - There was a 2 hour residents meeting last week.
    - No plastic bags in recycle
    - Zero step front entrance
    - The poor drying ability of the laundry dryers was discussed. Nothing will be done about this issue. The Board believes that this could be a safety issue if residents need to dry clothes throughout the apartments or possibly put on damp clothes. Jean suggested that someone from the Housing Authority come talk to the Board. As mentioned above, Diane and Vern will outline the Board's concerns and bring it to Brad's attention as our liaison.

NUTRITION:
- Diane Robison nothing to add to Vern's staff report.

FOUNDATION:
- Robin Osborne reported that the Oatmeal Festival contributed $252.50 to the foundation.

PR/MARKETING:
- Diane Robison reported no update.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNGER SENIORS:

- Ruth asked Vern if the Senior Mingle was in the next brochure. Vern indicated that it was in the brochure.
- Ruth reported that some of the events that Renee has put together have been cancelled at the last minute due to lack of interest. She suggested that we advertise at Josephine Commons and Affinity to drum up interest.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

With Claudia Johnson no longer a member, there is no report. Bob Magin will be taking over the Community Awareness goal for 2013.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

- Oatmeal Festival
  - There were only 23 entries this year. Better participation needs to be addressed for next year's festival.
  - $252.50 was raised for the Foundation.
- Open seat on Senior Advisory Board—there is only one applicant so far. The application is on-line. It was suggested that Vern set up an interview date with Robin, Diane and the applicant so that she can be voted on by the Board at the next meeting.
- One gentleman showed interest in the Aging Advisory Board but has not yet applied. Robin asked for his information so she can contact him. Carol had a possible suggestion but the woman is out of town for a while. She will contact her when she returns to town.
- Vote on the Board's Strategic Goals for 2013. Carol moved to approve and Diane seconded the motion. All approved the updated Goals/Strategies. Diane will type the update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS for the March 13, 2013 meeting:

- Discuss the ownership of tasks and outline task completion dates
- Results of the luncheon forum
- Status of applicants for Senior Advisory Board and Aging Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

5:42 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 3:30 P.M. at Lafayette Senior Services.

Submitted by Diane Robison, Secretary