



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Members Present	Lynn Andersen, Chris Clark, Richard Clark Max Derrick, Becky Harris, Susan Hatcher, Ed Houston, Sandra Jones, Karl Schatten
Members Absent	none
City Staff Present	Cory Plant, Director April Callaway, Office Admin Supervisor
Guests Present	Adam Schweitzer, Heritage Senior Adults, Inc. Board of Trustees
Call to Order	Richard Clark called the meeting to order at 10:33 am and welcomed everyone.
Minutes	July 28, 2021 minutes were approved on a motion by Susan Hatcher and seconded by Sandra Jones
Special Recognition	None
Citizen Comments	None
Special Presentation	None
Committee Reports	None
Unfinished Business	None
New Business	

Becky Harris was approached by a participant regarding punch cards available for lunches. Yes, they are available for purchase at the Front Desk. Cost is \$40 for 10 lunches. We can adjust price based on how many lunches are needed.

Chris Clark mentioned that she heard many comments regarding how much people enjoyed the Old Time Fiddlers providing music at the brunch. Staff will talk with the Fiddlers and see if they can come perform at a future brunch.

Heritage Senior Adults, Inc. Board of Trustee Comments

Adam Schweitzer had no comments to impart.

Advisory Board Comments

Susan Hatcher asked for a report on contacting Big Buddha at Fox 13 and have him do a story on the Center. Cory has been unable to contact him currently but knows it is difficult to get on his schedule. The concern is his program is early in the morning before the Center opens so we would need to have something special programmed.

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Cory was asked about the possibility of installing new pickleball courts. Murray City needs more but it is not currently a priority. There are other courts such as basketball that are needed within the City before pickleball courts.

Director's Report by Cory Plant

Wants to say thanks to everyone and is really impressed by the quality of people that come to the Center. Some of the most incredible people are here. People like to be heard. They like to share what isn't working and what needs to happen. The Center cannot operate without our volunteers. We need to fill this place up if we want to ever want to expand facilities. Attendance drops off about 1:00. It is a very active Center and is not an "old folks' home." Cory has been talking with the Park Center to bridge the gap between the Senior Rec Center, Park Center, and Recreation. Cory would love to see programming for our seniors over there. Mentioned how the ceramics class is dying. How can we try to build the program? What if we could bring a younger generation in to help build for the future. We are stuck on the 55 number, but we need to think long-term and how can we build our future participants. We need to try to offer more multi-generational activities and programs that can help teach skills to the younger generation.

Cory is working on a survey about trips, meals, activities, etc. The more data we have then the more opportunities that we can have. Listening to the input from others can give us information that we can use to run our programs better. Cory wants the feedback from the participants. We want people to be heard. If you have any ideas, please share. The seniors need socialization and the ability to build relationships.

General Discussion

Discussion turned to questions regarding possible influx of people under 55+. Cory's plan for multi-generational programming would most likely be held at night. Grandparents could bring their grandchildren. Cory wants to find out how we can get people involved in our Center. There are so many that don't even know the Center exists. He plans to have a controlled environment for those under 55+ and typically during the evening hours. The integrity of the 55+ community will continue to be a priority.

Ceramics isn't the only program struggling. Bridge is as well. Cory is working on having a bridge tournament at the Center.

Adam mentioned having music during the lunch hour. Some background music to add ambiance to the meal. Perhaps even have some live music come in and perform. Ask the Murray High Madrigals to come and hold a Christmas sing-along.

Held a discussion regarding Fire, Police, and Veteran acknowledgments. We will honor the Veterans in November and the Fire and Police in February. Sandra mentioned having Moe follow-up with WWII memorabilia presentation.

Cory mentioned that the Mayor is having architects come and provide a proposal presentation on the development of downtown Murray tonight at 6:00-9:00 held at the Center.

Comments were made about overlap in different classes that participants would like to attend but cannot because of prior commitments (i.e., work schedule, league, etc.) It would be nice to have some classes in the afternoon. Participants need to let Center staff know about scheduling conflicts and interest in certain programs so they can plan as needed.

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Sandra mentioned the refugee program at Taylorsville Senior Center and would like the Murray Senior Recreation Center to consider having a similar program for refugees. Perhaps the refugees could even share their skills and knowledge with our Seniors.

Cory asked about guest speakers. He has some friends that would be willing to come and talk. For example, Thurl Bailey has an incredible story to share. It gives people a purpose and helps them feel better about themselves. Have the guest speaker in the dining room and have a themed meal around the topic.

Ed asked if we are still having problems with table sharing? Yes, bingo and dances. Perhaps put some reminder notices that tables/chairs are not to be “saved.” People need to be more inclusive and understanding.

People are parking in the unload zones and not in the handicap parking stalls. Cory will be patrolling the parking lot to make sure it doesn’t continue.

The next regular board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 22, 2020 at 10:30 am**. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 am on a motion by Ed Houston and seconded by Becky Harris. Minutes recorded by April Callaway.