

MINUTES

DUNCANVILLE SENIOR ADVOCACY COMMISSION MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2015
PARKS & RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark David (Chairperson)
Dominique Dor
Robert Kruckeberg
Stella West (Vice-Chairperson)
Elaine Bell (late)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Rashidah Madyun, Staff Liaison and Pam Willis, Recording Secretary.

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson David at 7:09 p.m.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

No one was present to speak during the public discussion period.

Item #2 – Discussion and Consider Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve minutes from the October 8, 2015 meeting was made by Commission member West. A second was cast by Commission member Dor. A vote was taken. Minutes were approved with 4 in favor and 0 against. One member, Elaine Bell, was absent for the vote.

Item #3 – Discuss Cancellation of December 10, 2015 Meeting:

Discussion began by Staff Liaison Madyun by telling the Commission that the City Employee Christmas party was on the same date as the December meeting. It was requested that the next meeting date be cancelled or rescheduled so that the employees, herself and Recording Secretary Willis could attend. Chairperson David asked if the meeting could be rescheduled for this one time to another date. Staff Liaison Madyun said that would be okay to do. Chairperson David inquired if it would be better to change the meeting to the Thursday before December 3rd or the Thursday afterwards on December 17th? Recording secretary Willis noted that because the Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission (DCMC) would meet on the 17th, she would not be available. She is the recording secretary for that Commission also. Chairperson David requested the meeting be changed to December 3rd. A vote was taken. The vote was 3 in favor; 1 not in favor and because Commission member Bell was late, she did not vote.

Item #4 – Discuss Outcome of the October 12, 2015 Meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:

Chairperson David gave a quick overview to the Commission on how the joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board went on Monday, October 12, 2015. First, Chairperson David thanked Commission members Bell and Kruckeberg for also attending the meeting. Mr. David shared with the Commission a few concerns to the Parks Board like how the seniors of Duncanville see themselves; what do they want to be called and how to promote the Senior Center itself and increase membership at the same time. He explained to the Parks Board that the Commission wanted to become more active participants in the parks & recreation activities. He also told the

Parks Board that the D.L. Hopkins, Jr. Senior Center needed exercise equipment, but would hold off on pursuing that and promote the combination membership for now. Commission member Bell inquired on Pickleball equipment. Recording secretary Willis confirmed that the Recreation Center had the equipment, but was in need of getting a league started.

Items #5 – Discuss Collaboration with Other (Special Interest) Groups:

Chairperson David began discussion by asking the Commission which other boards and commissions do they think would be most beneficial for the Senior Advocacy Commission to collaborate with for activities. Commission member Bell suggested starting a community garden. She had spoken with First Methodist Church Pastor Frank Alegria about starting one. Since Recording Secretary Willis also records for the Keep Duncanville Board (KDB), she knows that Mr. Alegria is also a member of that Board. She suggested that the Commission possibly consider attending one of the KDB meetings since a community garden has been a topic discussed by them. She also suggested that the Commission possibly attend one of the Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission meetings as well. Chairperson David responded that this was a good start and the item would be discussed further at future meetings.

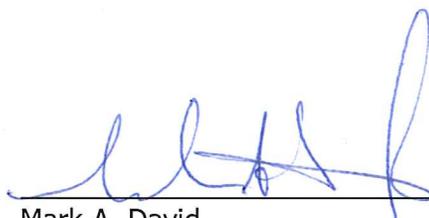
Item #6 – Discuss the (Continuation of Ideas) Re-Branding and Marketing Strategies for the Senior Center:

Chairperson David commented that one of the projects that Mr. Bart Stevenson, Staff Liaison for the Parks Board was to increase membership at the D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center by 5-percent. Staff Liaison Madyun wanted the Commission to consider how to get the inactive seniors to active seniors. She announced that starting in December a retired nurse would be teaching a class for free at the senior center for yoga. That would be a new program for the New Year. It was suggested by the Commission to have an Open House in the spring. Several dates were discussed; however, March 22, 2016 was chosen. It would be at the D. L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It was suggested that the Commission get a flyer ready to use as a water bill insert. Commission member Bell volunteered to work on the flyer.

A motion was made by Chairperson David to adjourn; seconded by Elaine Bell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Pam Willis
Recording Secretary



Mark A. David
Chairperson