
Advisory Council Meeting
Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate
12125 Pinecrest Rd, Reston, VA 20191

Minutes – January 4, 2022 Meeting (meeting held at 7:00pm via ZOOM)

Council Members Present:

Jan Bradshaw, Andy Sigle, Gerald Padmore, Carol Ann Bradley, Darlena Ricks, Kelsey Myers, Alexandra Rossi, Kathy Jones, Maryam Ovissi, Angela Davis

Council Members Not Present: Amer Bayoumi, Syazana Durrani

Community and Staff Present:

Karen De Mijango, Christine Hodgson, Ha Brock, Gwenn Minton, Lisa Schrest-Ehrhardt

2019-2021 Council GOALS

Progress Workplan including:

- i. Increase balance in Advisory Fund to enhance capability to support SGCC programming efforts
- ii. Have all Council members involved in a minimum of 15 hours of service at SGCC
- iii. Have all Council positions filled
- iv. Support SGCC staff to increase outreach and programming to our adult communities

Meeting Call to Order: by Darlena Ricks at 7:01pm.

Tonight's Agenda: Reviewed and approved after motion by Kelsey Myers and second by Kathy Jones.

Past Meeting Minutes: Reviewed and amended to reflect correction in spelling of Kathy Jones name after motion by Carol Ann Bradley and second by Kathy Jones.

Reston Police Department Report (representative not present):

No report.

Treasurer's Report (Gerald Padmore): Final balance as of January 4 is \$8,237.78.

Received several year-end donations Gerald Padmore will send out a letter thanking donors and providing them with tax information.

See Treasurer's report for more detail.

Chairman's Report (Darlena Ricks):

Introduced Karen De Mijango, new manager with NCS.

Karen De Mijango expressed her pleasure of working with NCS, the community center and the Council. Has been with the county for 10 years. Was previously with DFS and has a social worker background.

Council members introduced themselves to Karen De Mijango.

Darlena will share information about opportunities to volunteer with the center.

Bylaws update finalization led by Vice Chair Kelsey Myers: all articles passed, some with minor revisions.

CHCC Director's Report (Christine Hodgson):

December events went well.

Elf Store and Toys for Tots in particular were very successful.

Changing hours for month of January to 9am-7pm, Monday-Friday due to COVID staffing issues. No Saturday programming.

Various activities being offered in the month of January.

Staffing still a challenge and need volunteers.

See attached Director's report for more detail.

Cornerstones Report (representative not present):

Christine Hodgson mentioned a Cornerstones flyer on community discussion about vaccinations that she will send to Chair for distribution.

Reston Association (RA) Report (Ha Brock):

RA has 3 seats open for directors. More information on the website.
Concerned about the rise of COVID and maintaining COVID protocols.
Sponsoring a scaled-down in person MLK service project on January 17; this year not at Center, rather at RA.

Old Business:

Staff "thank you" luncheon – preferred days are Tuesday or Thursday.
Andy Sigle moved that Friends provide a meal of up to \$150. Seconded by Kelsey Myers.
Kelsey Myers mentioned the need to establish a committee for the proposed scholarship program.

New Business:

None.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Friends of Southgate Advisory Council meeting

Darlena Ricks opened the meeting and moved that up to \$150 be given for a staff "thank you" luncheon.
Jan Bradshaw seconded. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.