

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, April 15, 2010, 3:30 P.M.
Administrative Conference Room

The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission met on Thursday, April 15, 2010, in the Administrative Conference Room at the Municipal Center. Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. and a quorum was established with the following present:

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Price, Charles Clark, Alice Colville, Helen Dickson, John Drinnon, Nick Dunn, Barbara Fisher, John Hicks, H. Stovall Kendrick, Manilal Shah, Walter Krug, and Alice Wallace.

ABSENT: Wynn Bellerjeau.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Services Division Director George Brogdon and Senior Adult Coordinator Regina Allen.

Chairman Price explained that since Pam Beasley was in Paris, France, and had taken the minutes of the last meeting, that their approval would be delayed until the May meeting.

He introduced Elise Bone from Meritan, formerly Senior Services. He explained that Ms. Bone had been in several meetings of the Germantown Senior Summit and that her organization offers many activities and services that the Senior Summit has been discussing. Ms. Bone said they do provide many services including the Senior Services Line. They serve four states, 15,000 people, and provide meals, homemaker services, services for the blind and visually impaired, employment center training and employer contracts. They serve all of Shelby County and the Mid-South. Their telephone number is 766-0600 and they have a website and are on facebook. They have a \$20 million budget and Ms. Bone said they always want to know how they can help and there are a lot of people floundering who don't know where to go. A link on the City of Germantown website was discussed as a possibility.

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Dr. Hicks said that an email would be sent as a follow-up to the town hall meeting and they are getting the total list together. He would like to get the committees formed in a couple of weeks and orientation for the committee members with Senior Citizen Advisory Commission involvement hopefully on each of the committees. Twenty-one have been identified for the five teams; they need 10 – 15 more. Pam Beasley will review the committee list when she returns and look at some possible names to add to the first 21.

George Brogdon gave a brief update of Books by Mail. He said right now there are 10 facebook participants who send the books back and forth every month, and while the number isn't huge, the quality is great and wonderful comments have been received from the participants.

Alderman Drinnon mentioned that the Friends of the Germantown Community Library have donated over \$49,000.00 in the last year to the library.

Mr. Drinnon mentioned consolidation and that people need to be aware of what Shelby County is trying to do in consolidating Shelby County. He also mentioned that he would like to see a meeting with the senior ministers of the different churches to discuss what the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission could do to help.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 P.M.