



GERMANTOWN SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Conference Room – 2276 West St.

Present: Chairman James Debo, Charles Clark, Alice Clare Colville, Brandy Miller, Eddie Mae Bobbitt, Susan Olsson, Les Dewey, Thomas Tompkins, Walter Krug, Jr., Deborah Edwards

Non-Voting Member: Staff Liaison- Natalie Ruffin and Alderman Liaison- Sherrie Hicks

Guest: Director Pam Beasley and Regina Allen

Absent: Larry Unterberger, Jayu Wagh,

Non-voting Members: Staff Support- Teresa Martin

Call to order: Chairman Debo called the meeting to order at 3.00 p.m.

Roll Call & Establish a Quorum: A quorum was established with 10 members in attendance

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: To approve July 15, 2021 Minutes as written

Motion by: Brandy Miller

Motion 2nd: Charles Clark

Motion passed: Yes – 8 No – 0; Abstain – 0

Unfinished Business:

2021 Senior Expo:

The Commission continued to discuss the upcoming Senior Expo. Senior Expo has been scheduled for Thursday, October 21st, set up and Wednesday, October 20th at the Great Hall. Chairman Debo reported that exhibitors from 2yrs ago have been notified that there will be 52 vendor booths and a dance floor. Vendor registration has been slow to date due to Covid-19 concerns. The Commission discussed postponing the Senior Expo until spring of 2022.

Motion: To postpone Senior Expo to future date:

Motion by: Les Dewey

Motion 2nd: Eddie Mae Bobbitt

Motion passed: Yes – 8 No – 1; Abstain – 1

New Business:

2022 Senior Expo:

The Commission discussed the date for the 2022 Senior Expo that will be the first Thursday in November.

Senior Survey Subcommittee Report – Brandy Miller:

The Commission discussed the data that was collected from attendees of the Spring Seminar held on June, 17, 2021. In total, 51 surveys were completed. This survey report was emailed to all Commission Members. Deborah Edwards requested a senior subcommittee be formed to create the annual senior citizen policy agenda for review by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, as specified in city code section 2-285. Director Beasley informed the members that the Senior Advisory Commission does not have policy making authority. She went on to say that staff will submit a 2021 Commission annual report to the Board of Mayor and Alderman in December. Then in January, the Commission will put together the 2022 work plan which will include goals and action items for the calendar year.

Reports:

Parks and Recreation Director – Pam Beasley:

Director Beasley discussed the future expansions, improvements and opportunities in the city and she gave presentation on "Age Friendly Communities". The last census model shows that Germantown has a senior population of 21.5%. 1 in every 3 americans are over the age of 50 and by 2030 1 out of every 5 will be 65 years old or older.

The goal is to have an “age friendly community”. A “age friendly community” focus is on walk ability, outdoor spaces and indoor gathering spaces, activities, healthcare services, civic and social participation, communication and information and social inclusion for all. The Senior Advisory Commission will embrace the term “age friendly community” by applying with AARP to be certified as an “age friendly community”. Director Beasley reported that the staff will create a plan to collect data to complete a formal compressive needs assessment report with assistance from community outreach. The compressive needs assessment report is designed to better understand the needs of older adults in our community.

Recreation Service Manager – Natalie Ruffin

Natalie shared with the commission the upcoming and current senior programs.

Alderman Liaison – Sherrie Hicks

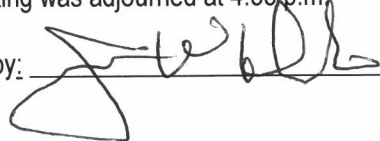
Alderman Hicks reported on the state of the City as well as the most current Covid-19 updates.

Announcements and Save the Date

- Next official Meeting will be held Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:

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