

West University Place
SENIORS BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2022

Presiding: Ann Crowley (Chair)

The meeting is called to order at 2:05 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Ann Crowley, George Hilderbrandt, Tom Brombacher, George Baker, Diana Ayers, Mardi Turner, Joan Johnson, Candace TenBrink, Candyce Beneke, Susan Davis, Gloria Nino-Monacelli, Allen Elkowitz, Selby Clark, Shannon Carroll (Council Liaison)Patricia Noren senior center staff liaison

Absent: Toby Brooks, Karen Kenny, Susan White

Guests: John Barnes, Carlos De La Torre, Aleda Drewes

Actions Items:

1. Approve minutes:
 - a. Misspelled some names including Diana Ayers not Ayer's
 - b. Approved by Diana Ayers and seconded by Joan Johnson
2. Citizens Comments:
 - a. John Barnes – Updates on the Garden club which will be up and running soon. All are welcome to join.
 - b. Carlos – welcome everyone who are back from summer break.
 - c. Senior issues presented by Aleda – There have been increasing on fees and not enough tax breaks for the seniors. Also there are no free CPR classes. No senior park or dog park in the city. No free Wi-Fi for seniors
3. Summer Report/Summer Homework:
 - a. Ann – please share details regarding your interactions within the city for the summer, and any observations:
 - i. Candyce Beneke – went to the pool and had a good time.
 - ii. Shannon – went to libraries in WestU and Stella link – there aren't a lot of people this summer at the library.

- iii. Gloria Nino- worked mostly this summer because it's prime time for realtors.
- iv. George Hilderbrandt – spent time at the library
- v. Tom Brombacher –went to three ice cream socials for seniors.
- vi. George Baker – Mary and him went to the kid's pool to enjoy time. Went to the library and the gym. Went to an intergenerational gaming event.
- vii. Diana Ayer's – walked around the city and to city parks.
- viii. Mardi – went to the garden club meeting, and other activities.
- ix. Candace T. – went to several parks including the library and rec center.
- x. Joan Johnson – used the senior center vehicle for grocery shopping and doctor's appointments as she wasn't able to drive for a bit this summer.
- xi. Susan Davis – big supporter of the library and spent some time there this summer.
- xii. Selby Clark – spent time in local parks this summer.
- xiii. Allen – Hasn't done much because he's been taking a sabbatical on doctor's orders.
- xiv. Ann Crowley – Synchronized swimming for 50+ and there were 4 of us in the class

4. Candace T & Team Data Update:

- a. Presented by Candace T alone.
- b. Spent a lot of time data over the summer
- c. Data from 2018-2019 – data from the center. Data not available for 2020-2021 due to covid.
 - i. Nonresidents bookings more than residents
 - ii. Fitness, culture trips, and dance. – only fit class are there more residents.
- iii. Suggestions
 - 1. the way the booking is set up is not ideal for data analytics. The whole system is set up with the Rec center and that's not ideal.
 - 2. There was no shocking data.
 - 3. So perhaps increase the fees for non-residents.
 - 4. Rec center is performing highly compared to the rests of the country for similar programs.
 - 5. May need to target people and encourage them to use the services to

6. Fall drops off – that's what the data says.
Fall would be a great time to start new programs.

iv. Mardi commented– is the data for only events that are paid but also for the events that are free?

v. Ann commented on a general question of more staff for the senior center– if we use the data and if the data says the staffing is necessary, we should get more. The staffing shouldn't drive the program. It's the other way around.

5. Senior Services Staff: Patricia (Filling in for Toby)

- a. Plant Swap: sending around the paper to write. September 28th 1-3 pm. Be there in a timely manner.
- b. October fest 5th – Patricia – it's free event. Working in conjunction with rec center. (1-3:30 pm) – sponsor is anthology
- c. Patricia – We started a brand-new evening dance classes – night club and the hustle to target the people who are still working. It was a big hit. Started last week. Great turn out.
- d. Pickle ball is played at Wednesday at 2 and Friday at 1. Come check it out.

6. APAC: Karen Kenny

- a. Karen is out of town. APAC notes need to be attached.

7. Good neighbor Team – Mardi Turner

- a. Goodie bag distribution 4th of July. Much thanks to Tom and Soraya.
- b. Next week – we are doing the fall cards in the activity rooms next Thursday starting at 1pm. 15th. Sharon Turner designs all the cards.

8. Parks & Rec:

- a. Susan white was not here.
- b. Updates: They did not get the grant for the Edloe walkway. So now sending out specs for bids, and they hope to accept a bid in October. So moving forward for this project.
 - i. Selby asked if the Friends of WestU parks will be contributing.
 - 1. It may be more public works money? We don't know.

9. City Council --Shannon:

- a. Pretty busy council this summer, largely driven by the park ordinance
- a. Tennis ordinance
 - i. Was put in place and approved by council to prevent outside private coaches from

- b. September 2nd
 - i. Budget workshop.
 - ii. Lots of input from staff for the upcoming 2023 year.
 - iii. Sustainability task force gave some great suggestions and will be implemented and added to the budget.

Adjournment: (3:00 pm)

1. Motion to adjourn meeting— Selby Clark and seconded by Candace TenBrink

Submitted by Teresa George-Hung