

Garner Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

September 20, 2024

9:00am

Location: Garner Senior Center

Call to Order and approval of July, 2024 minutes-Tony Derico, Chair

Attendance: Tony Derico, Sharon Verity, Kathy Behringer, Ernestine Durham, Ernestine Ledbetter, Michael Tew, Joan Jackson

Resources for Seniors Update: Jennifer Murray, RFS Service Coordinator discussed the availability of one-on-one counseling through the Senior Health Insurance Information Program every Wednesday from October 15-December 7 during Medicare Open Enrollment. There will be two counselors on site each week.

PRCR Committee Report: Jo Cici was unable to attend the meeting, so Erica Arrington provided the update. The Town was awarded \$8.5 million in federal funding for Yeorgan Park. In Year 1 of Penny for Parks, 49 picnic tables (14 of which are wheelchair accessible), 38 benches, and 50 trash receptacles were replaced (or in some cases added). The playground at Avery Street was replaced, a playground structure was replaced at South Garner Park, and the basketball court at Jackie Johns, St. Community Park is in the process of being refurbished. The Town approved the acceptance of a \$2.67 million grant for the South Garner Greenway Extension. Arts & Culture received three grants for a total of \$15.5k and Special Events has secured \$7k in sponsorships. Katie Lockhart earned a Master of Project Management and Megan Young receive the 2024 IMPACT Award from the Garner Chamber of Commerce.

Council Updates-Council Member Kathy Behringer said that the replacement of sewer lines on Garner Road is complete, and the company did a great job. The next goal is to get DOT to resurface all of Garner Road and to have raised manholes. Behringer attended a presentation on the Well Check program offered through the Wake County Sheriff's office for people over 65 who live alone. Participants receive a call every morning at 9am and can push a button to say they are alright. If there is no response they will continue to call every five minutes up to three times. If there is no response, they will reach out to the participant's contact person or send someone by to check on them. Behringer suggested having a presentation about their services at GSC

GSCAC Cookout Discussion- There was discussion about moving the cookout to May which is Older American Month and combining it with the Open House at GSC. There will be hotdogs, chips and drinks. The tentative date is Wednesday, May 14th starting at 3pm. The GSCAC would like to get sponsors to help offset the cost and we suggested that Torrey be contacted re any sponsorships to make sure that they comply with town policy. Joan offered having the Ukulele group perform. The planning committee for this event includes Joan Jackson, Sharon Verity, Jo Cici, and Tony Derico.

GSCAC Concerns/Announcements-Kathy Behringer let people know they can ask for a Senior Discount at restaurants. There was discussion about putting together a guide on where Seniors can get discounts. Ernestine Durham was excited about the GSC trips, particularly the one to see the *Sweet Delilah Swim Club* at Temple Theater.

May & June Monthly Reports-Erica Arrington, GSC Program Assistant,

Adjourned at 10am.

Respectfully Submitted by Torrey Blackmar, Sec.