

**Garner Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting  
March 15, 2024 Minutes**

Meeting called to order, January meeting minutes approved.

Committee Attendance: Tony DeRico, Jo Cicci, Sharon Verity, Ernestine Durham, Ernestine Ledbetter

Kathy Behringer, Council Liaison, Todd Riddick, Megan Young, Erica Arrington, Torrey Blackmar; Jennifer Murray (RFS)

**Resources for Seniors Report:** Directory of Resources will be published in the coming months. The publication will not be as big (less pages) than in the past. Our next defensive driving class through AARP has 15 people registered. AARP Tax Aid has been offering free tax preparation at Garner Advent Christian Church. The volunteers have reported that they have reached their capacity and have no more available appointments for the season. Advantage plan open enrollment is over. RFS has hired a new housing and home improvement director. Jennifer described the projects that RFS can assist with.

**PRCR Committee Report:** Jo Cicci, Committee Liaison. Jo reviewed meeting notes about park furnishings, Budget review tabled for Feb meeting. Bethel master plan. Possibility of a donation of art installation at GPAC.

**Kathy Berringer, Council Liaison:** Council Member Berringer began a discussion about sculpture and public art. She is meeting with stakeholders in the community and neighboring communities to leverage ideas for public art installations around town. She encouraged members of the committee to offer public input when the time comes. One of the things citizens will notice is that utility boxes will be wrapped in decorative cover throughout town.

Ms. Berringer spoke about change in administration. The Town of Garner entered a separation agreement with Rodney Dickerson, Town Manager. The town offered severance of one year of pay with benefits. Jodi Miller, has been named interim manager.

**Center of Excellence Recertification:** Torrey Blackmar gave an update on 5 year certification renewal. SCOPE documentation will be due to Central Pines Area Agency on Aging on March 24 for first review. Documentation will be due to NC Department of Aging and Adult Services on April 24 and the site team visit will be held on Friday, May 24 from 9am-12noon.

**Open House Planning:** The committee decided to host a public input drop-in event on Wednesday, May 8 3pm-5pm. We will be expanding the effort by asking Town of Garner Planning department, Go Raleigh, Wake County Sheriff's office, RFS and MOW to attend. Staff will send out advertising, set up and purchase refreshments and get committee nametags.

Announcements: Road changes: There is going to be expansion of the section of road on Hwy. 50 from south of Rand Road to Water Treatment plant. DOT is widening the road and the bridge.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10am.

Respectfully Submitted: Torrey Blackmar, GSC Manager approved 5/17/24