

# Garner Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

July 19, 2024

9:00 am

Location: Garner Senior Center

**Call to Order** and approval of May 2024 minutes- Tony DeRico, Chair

**Attendance:** Tony DeRico, Sharon Verity, Ernestine Durham, Ernestine Ledbetter, Michael Tew

**Resources for Seniors Update-** Jennifer Murray, RFS Service Coordinator. Jennifer discussed the recent termination of the congregate meal transportation. There were 6 people riding a bus to GSC using this transportation service free of charge. The service ended abruptly during a contract renewal and was discontinued due to a drastic increase in cost of service. RFS has provided patrons a list of available resources, although there will be some expense. This information was made available to the committee to assist in answering any questions from the public.

**PRCR Committee report-** Jo Cici was unable to attend the meeting and provided an update that was reviewed by Torrey Blackmar, GSC Manager. The committee will not meet in July or August. Their next scheduled meeting will be held on September 16. Committee members will be nominating officers at the September meeting. Proposed designs for the planned inclusive playground for White Deer Park have been submitted to the Town for review. Installation of park furnishings at S Garner Park began in June. RFPs have been made for amenities in various other parks which closed July 1.

**Council Updates-** Council Member Kathy Berringer discussed the road project that is happening on Garner Rd. The Moffitt Company is replacing 100 year old sewer pipes under the road. The project will impact traffic, but will provide a much needed upgrade to the lines that affect residents and GSC. The project is expected to be completed in 6-10 weeks. The road will be resurfaced following work. Council member Behringer also mentioned newly appointed Town Manager, Jodi Miller has agreed to focus strongly on communication with council and also to work with the HR committee about changes and committee vacancies. Hope to have vacancies filled soon.

**Center of Excellence Recertification-** (Site visit 5/ 24) -Torrey Blackmar confirmed that GSC has received renewed Center of Excellence delegation spanning from June 1, 2024- May 31, 2029.

**GSCAC Cookout discussion** – Date for event 9/ 19; 11am-1pm at Lake Benson Park, Shelter 1. Menu will be provided by GSC Staff, hotdogs, buns, chips and canned drinks. Committee formed to include Joan Jackson, Sharon Verity and Jo Cici. The event has been advertised in the fall program guide.

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

## **GSCAC Concerns/ Announcements:**

Tony announced the Optimist Club big band concert on September 14, 5-7pm at Lake Benson Park Ernestine Durham recommended that we do something special in May for Older Americans Month.

**Adjourned** at 10:15am

Next GSCAC meeting will be held on September 20, 2024

*Respectfully Submitted by Torrey Blackmar*