

West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee (WASSCC)

15 August 2012

Attendees: Terry Brown, Brian Burke, Colleen Condon, Karen Gorham, Jan Harman, Diane Hamilton, John Johnston, Montez Martin, Brenda Smith, and Tom Witman.

Location: The meeting took place at Bees Ferry Recreation Complex.

Colleen Condon opened the meeting with introduction.

West Ashley Senior Activity/Events Calendar

Jan Harman and Colleen Condon reported on the senior activities/events calendar now appearing in the West Of (WA newspaper). The calendar has been published in the newspaper for 5 weeks and we have made a 13 week commitment. To continue the calendar needs additional sponsors to help pay the \$220 weekly fee. To this point Condon Law Firm has been the sponsor.

The activities calendar takes up one-half with advertisements/sponsorships filling the remainder of the page. The size and number of pages could expand with time and success.

The calendar covers the period Wed. (publishing day) through Wed. The calendar could be accompanied by a "current events" section to highlight events in the calendar or events coming beyond the dates covered in the current calendar.

Jan Harmon is serving as the coordinator of the calendar, so if anyone has items to be included in the calendar, Jan is the contact.

Questions with brief discussions were raised about how to "track" the success of the published calendar and inclusion of the calendar in the West Of web publication of the paper.

Site Selection

Colleen reported no real progress in the negotiations between the City of Charleston and RSFHC regarding a site and agreement for the center location. The sticking point seems to be about RSFHC's desire to lease the land for the center, as opposed to transferring ownership of the land to the center.

Given the seeming standstill, discussion was again open to other locations/options and in particular the advisability and possibility of establishing a "transition" center/location. Some discussions/contact with alternate parties were mentioned, but no specific direction was set.

Community Forum

It was agreed that the next in the series of community forums need to begin to be planned, and it was also agreed that the next event should be a "Candidate Forum". Considerable discussion led

to the following tentative plan elements: Held on 24 October 2012 for 2 hours between the hours of 1-5 p.m., candidates for local elected office would be invited to socialize with and address the seniors gathered, the event would include food with the possibility of the food being funded by a sponsor or sponsors (to be identified and recruited), and speakers would be asked to address suggested senior issues (to be determined). Many locations were considered, but the one under active consideration is the St. Andrews Parish Parks & Playground gym on Playground Rd. Brian Burke agreed to check out the availability of this space and will report back to Colleen.

In his absence, but because he has been a star with event/forum coordination, Dave Harris was recommended to serve a planning sub-committee chair for this event.

Next Meeting

After a 2-month break the WASSCC members present agreed to return to the previous meeting schedule of monthly meetings at 9:30 a.m., on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Therefore, the next meeting of the WASSCC will be 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, 19 September at the Bees Ferry Recreation Complex