

## West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee (WASSCC)

19 September 2012

Attendees: Terry Brown, Brian Burke, Colleen Condon, Christine DeStefano, Bill Greenhill, Jan Harman, Diane Hamilton, Dave Harris, John Johnston, Montez Martin, Janet Schumacher, Marianne Seabrook and Tom Witman.

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

Colleen Condon opened the meeting with introduction.

### Community Forum

Colleen Condon, Jan Harman, Montez Martin and Dave Harris, community forum subcommittee reported the following: the next community forum, the "Candidate Forum", will be held on 22 October 2012, from 2-4 p.m., at the St. Andrews Parish Parks & Playground gym on Playground Road. Invited presenters will be candidates running for any local office that represents a part or all of West Ashley - they will each have 3 minutes to speak and will be asked to focus on senior issues. There will be a Q&A period following the presentations (or each presentation?). Specific topics presenters will be asked to address will be developed.

Assignments for event promotion were made:

Janet Schumacher (City) and Christine DeStefano (County) - radio and newspaper  
Dave Harris - email list promotion  
Jan Harman and Diane Hamilton - mail promotion  
Jan Harman - CCR  
Bill Greenhill - AARP

All are invited to volunteer for contribution of refreshments: cookies, tea, lemonade and water

Terry will email the event flyer to the WASSCC membership for further distribution to their individual email contacts. Christine DeStefano will email the flyer to Terry.

### Site Selection/City-RSFHC Request For Proposal (RFP) Negotiations

Janet Schumacher provided the following report regarding the RFP negotiations (provided via email and reproduced here):

*RFP Update  
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*In August 2011 the City of Charleston issued an RFP for the development and management of the West Ashley Senior Center. We received two offers. One was from Roper St. Francis Hospital (RSFH). Both proposals were considered and the selection committee of City staff,*

*County Staff, City and County Councilmember's recommended that city staff negotiate with Roper St. Francis Hospital. The councilmembers and staff reported back to the West Ashley Senior Center Coordinating Committee.*

*The RSFH offer included partial use of a 7 acre site that lies next to 526 with access to Henry Tecklenburg Drive and to Savage Road. The site would be made available to the city for a long term low cost lease. RSFH committed to providing the land, to support fundraising, program and operational development, marketing and publicity.*

*The City of Charleston has met with Roper St. Francis Hospital (RSFH)'s team in April and in late August. Between the two meetings RSFH prepared intensive research into*

- 1. detailed cost estimate for the project;*
- 2. alternative funding using a developer and a rental agreement;*
- 3. general estimates of capital fundraising costs;*
- 4. RSFH Foundation's assessment of the ability to raise capital funds from grants;*
- 5. involvement RSFH's commitment to fundraising for the WASC ;*
- 6. And research and assessment of the funding sources used for the construction of the Lowcountry Senior Center.*

*City staff is working on a briefing, but in the meantime wants to share this information from item #6.*

### ***LSC Funding***

*A study of funds used to establish the Lowcountry Senior Center shows that the following components:*

*47% State of SC - \$825,000 vs. \$350,000 that is potentially available from the Office on Aging currently (with a \$150,000 match)*

*28% City of Charleston (including the land)*

*11% County*

*13% Fundraising*

Following a discussion of other options Vic Rawl moved and Tom Witman seconded the following motion: ***That St. Andrews Parish Parks and Playground be requested to provide a concept proposal for a temporary WA senior center and that the WASSCC assist them with the concept development through the formation of a Temporary Senior Center subcommittee to be appointed by the Chair, Colleen Condon .*** The motion was passed unanimously.

### **West Ashley Senior Activity/Events Calendar**

Jan Harman reported that the WA Senior Activity/Events Calendar, now published in the West Of newspaper needs additional sponsors to help pay the \$220 weekly fee, \$200 per week if committed for 3-weeks. To this point Condon Law Firm has been and is the only sponsor.

The calendar covers the period Wed. (publishing day) through Wed. and materials included must be provided to Jan no later than 2-weeks before submission for publication.

### **Next Meeting**

The WASSCC meets monthly at 9:30 a.m., on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting of the WASSCC will be 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, 17 October, at the Bees Ferry Recreation Complex