

West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee (WASSCC)

20 April 2011

Attendees: Aubry Alexander, Elizabeth Bernat, Terry Brown, Colleen Condon, Christine Destefano, Vonie Gilreath, Bill Greenhill, Dudley Gregorie, Diane Hamilton, Jan Harman, Dave Harris, Arlen Peterson, Janet Schumacher, Linda Slater, Brenda Smith, Ronneca Watkins, Tom Witman, Laurie Yarbrough.

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

Aubry Alexander opened the meeting with introductions.

Site Selection

Aubry reported that the WA Senior Center information briefing was made to Charleston City Council on 12 April 2011 and that it was received well.

It was again reported that the RFP (Request For Proposal) was complete and will be published on various websites (City, County, WASSCC, etc.), but during the first week in May instead of April as originally planned. All organizations/entities are open for proposals and there will be a 60-90 day response time.

Special Event-Community Forum

Dave Harris provided a written report of the preliminary plans set for the "West Ashley Seniors Spring into Summer" special event to be held on 31 May 2011 in the WA High School auditorium from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The objectives are: explanation of the virtual senior center, keep seniors connected to the WASSCC project, and to "bring folks out". A broad outline of the event is: registration, organizations on the virtual senior center will have display/interaction tables, Ken Burger will have a table with his books for sale/signatures, a computer projection system will display the virtual senior center and a program will be presented in the auditorium. The timeline will be as follows:

3:30-4:00 Registration and display tables in cafeteria

4:00-5:00 Presentation in auditorium

4:00 Introduction and update/status of the WA Senior Center.

4:15 Presentation and explanation of the virtual senior center.

4:30 Ken Berger will speak.

5:00-6:30 Refreshments, entertainment/music/DJ, display tables.

Need is for volunteers for event and to that end Dave passed out volunteer sign-up sheets.

In support of the marketing task Jan Harman will handle postcards, Brenda Smith will make calls to those on the consolidated contact list with telephone numbers, Colleen Condon will contact those with email addresses as well as call retail organizations for donations, Janet Schumacher will coordinate TV/radio, and Laurie Yarbrough will contact neighborhood committees

The next community special event following the May "Spring into Summer" event will be scheduled for October 2011.

Formal Organization of the WASSCC

It was moved and unanimously approved to delay the development of organizational policies and procedures until the "partner" selection process was completed. Once the "partner" is selected we will work with that entity to develop a formal organization and policies and procedures.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 18 May 2011, 0930-1100, Bees Ferry Landing Recreation Complex.