

West Ashley Senior Services Coordinating Committee (WASSCC)

21 March 2012

Attendees: Aubry Alexander, Elizabeth Bernat, Terry Brown, Christine DeStephano, Bill Greenhill, Jan Harman, Diane Hamilton, Dave Harris, Brenda Smith, Tom Witman.

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

Aubry Alexander chaired and called the meeting to order.

Special Event

Dave Harris reported on the special event/community forum titled "Up, Up and Away" that was held on Leap Day, 29 February 2012 at Founders Hall (Charles Towne Landing State Park) from 4-7 p.m.

Dave stated that the event was evidently a big success with positive indications provided by attendees throughout the evening. Folks generally want to know the date and time of the next event. All activities were well received and participated in and the Founders Hall as a location received rave reviews.

Diane Hamilton reported that there were 154 registered attendees, while there appeared even more present. 114 were new registrants having not attended previous WASSCC events, and 40 were returnees. Diane updated the WASSCC contact list with the new registrant's information and sent the updated list to Terry should anyone want an electronic copy.

It was noted that the Post and Courier had a reporter present and as a result there was a nice article with pictures in the paper the following day. The West Of was not represented, although notified.

Dave warmly and gratefully thanked everyone for all the help and with all the volunteer assistance everything went off very well

Virtual Senior Center

Tom Witman reported that the "virtual senior center" website is up and working he did not have any information much interest it was generating (number of "hits"). Email comments can be made about the site, but to date none have been received. An extensive discussion ensued about the value of turning the website into a Facebook page to make it more interactive. However, this would necessitate having a project manager who had expertise in matters "facebook" and in social media in general. No one present claimed such expertise. Aubry and Christine DeStefano agreed to check with their respective IT departments (City and County) to see if anyone was willing to help us assess such a project.

Site Selection

Aubry reported that the City of Charleston Procurement Office remains in negotiation with RSFHC on the terms of the contract for the WA Senior Center. No information is available regarding the progress of the negotiations as such information is restricted by state law. There is also no timeline for concluding the negotiations so we will all just have to be patient.

Next WASSCC Meeting: Wednesday, 18 April 2012, 0930-1100, at the Bees Landing Recreation Complex