

Hampton Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
April 2, 2018
Hampton Senior Center

Members Present: Martha Clark, Christine Evans, Doris Farmer, Yvonne Gaynor, George Gwynn, Jr., Martha Johnson, Ingrid Kirchmann and Carol Perenzin

Agency Representatives: Brian DeProfio, Allison Eubanks *City Manager's Office*, Barbara Stewart, *Hampton Dept. of Social Services*, Gina Lewis, Keisha Baker *Foster Grandparent Program*, Susan Elswick, *Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services*, Bill Massey, *Peninsula Agency on Aging*

Y. Gaynor called the meeting to order at 10:06 am and G. Lewis called the roll. The minutes of the last meeting were read. S. Elswick noted there should be a correction for the date of the election forum, sponsored by the Wythe neighborhood association. The date is April 24th at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. M. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. I Kirschman 2nd the motion.

Guest Speaker

Y. Gaynor introduced the guest speaker, Brian DeProfio, Assistant City Manager.

B. DeProfio reviewed the FY 2018 budget and discussed the general process of presenting the budget to City Council and residents. This year on April 15th, copies of the City Manager's recommended budget will be available online and in libraries. There will be three public hearing; April 25th, May 2nd and May 9th. Also this year the City has launched an "I Value" survey on the city's website for citizens to review and comment on the different areas of the budget.

He informed the group that the strategic priority areas for the City are: 1) Education – the City allocates more than required by the State to support education goals and programs; 2) Safe and Clean Community which ensures citizens and businesses are safe, health and secure; 3) Family Reliance & Economic Improvement which addresses poverty in ways that support families and individuals, and 4) Economic Growth which generates the resources necessary to support the services desired by the community and produces quality jobs for Hampton citizens.

B. Stewart asked about the flooding issue at Paula Maria. B. DeProfio stated the city has been working with the facility regarding this issue and that it is an ongoing conversation.

Old Business

Allison Eubanks from the City Manager's office presented information regarding bus stops. She provided a map showing current bus stops and their proximity to senior living facilities. C. Perezin asked how to request a shelter for stops, especially those near senior living areas. B. DeProfio will gather more information regarding the shelters and report back to the group. A. Eubanks provide information regarding bike paths throughout the city and that there is a Bike Committee that meets the first Tuesday of every month.

A citizen mentioned she often notices buses that are almost empty. B. DeProfio acknowledged that transit all over the country has experienced a decline in ridership.

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M. Clark asked about a 'Senior Ride Day' where seniors would ride for free. B. DeProfio said he will check on that. G. Lewis suggested a possible tie-in with the Sheriff's senior picnic for the free ride day.

B. Stewart inquired about new members to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee during the last city council meeting. Faison Harris was appointed to the Committee.

New Business

Y. Gaynor presented recommended goals for the upcoming year and discussed creating standing committees to research and present information regarding the goals. This will be discussed in detail at the May meeting.

Agency Reports

B. Massey thanked everyone who came out on March 7th to the PAA Forum on Aging. They had over 700 attendees. On Sunday, May 20th, PAA will host its third annual "Senior Prom" at Christopher Newport University. Tickets are \$30.00 and include dinner and dancing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. and the next meeting is Monday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina L. Lewis
Secretary