



Hampton Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Hampton Senior Center, 3501 Kecoughtan Road

June 6, 2022

Present: Linda H Kindred- Chair, Jeanette Augustine- Vice Chair, Martha L. Clark, Lewis Dawley III, Tonya L. Grant, George Gwynn Jr., Cynthia Harris, Martha C. Johnson, Graylyn Owens

Absent: Yvonne B. Gaynor, Cassandra Alston Townsley

City/Lead Agency Reps: Donnie Tuck (Mayor), Eric Rummel (HPD), David McCauley (HPRLS), Yolanda Clark (DSS), Susan Elswick (HPRLS), Gina Lewis (HFGP), Victoria Joseph (HPRLS), Shaeron King (HPRLS), William Massey (PAA), Amari Young (HPRLS), Mary Mills-Collins (HNNCSB)

Guests: Camica Credle, Doris Farmer, Phyllis Palin, Josephine Reaves

Call to Order and Welcome:

Chair Linda Kindred opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and reminded all attendees to ensure that the attendance sheet at the back of the room was signed upon arrival. She also explained prior to beginning the meeting that she was not trying to be rude by occasionally removing herself to attend to personal matters on her cell phone. She reminded everyone to leave quietly if they had to be excused during the meeting to limit disturbances. Opening prayer was offered.

Roll call & Approval of May Minutes:

Vice Chair Jeanette Augustine conducted the roll call; a quorum was present. The opportunity was given for the advisory board to review the May minutes. A motion to accept the May minutes as written was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Director Dave McCauley gave some additional opening remarks. He gave Cynthia a warm welcome back and proceeded to discuss informative updates on special current and future events that are to occur in the city in the coming weeks/months.

- Live at the Docks, Saturdays 5-9pm
- Reopening of Buckroe Boardwalk postponed until June 30, 2022 4-7 pm
- Groovin by the Bay Concert Series at Buckroe Beach, Sundays, June 12-August 28, 5-8pm.
- Food Truck Fridays (every other Friday), next date - June 17
- Mary Jackson Center Grand Opening, July 9, 11am-3pm
- Fox Hill Neighborhood Center Opening, August 2022
- Crab Town Seafood Festival, Saturday, September 3, 11am-7pm

- Aquaplex Opening Date: TBD
- Blueberry Farm Festival, August 22-23, 2022, 10am-5pm
- Holiday Wonder Walk, December 16-25, 5-9pm

He announced that the Pirates festival that took place on June 5-7 was a very successful event. In regards to the Aquaplex, the Hampton aquatic center will stay open only one week after the grand opening of the Aquaplex. He briefly discussed some of the interesting qualities of the Aquaplex like the large diving pools, programs for various ages, and a Jacuzzi. Gina Lewis applauded City Council for the renovations done to the Buckroe Beach area. She also made comments about updating driving conditions (i.e., adding speed bumps) and increased police surveillance. Dave acknowledged her concerns on the situation, and assured Gina that police are monitoring the streets. He is actively working with HPD to prevent additional altercations from occurring (i.e., monitoring social media). Lewis Dawley also commented on the issue and stated, "It's a success issue because now more people are in the area." Cynthia made remarks about her agency, the Clean City Commission, noting that their Adopt-A-Spot sponsors have been very active in completing cleanups at Buckroe. She encouraged members to contact her if they wished to volunteer. Sergeant Rummel commented on Gina's safety concerns and said as soon as school ends, all SROs (School Resource Officers) will be assigned to Buckroe Beach. Dave closed out his remarks and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Nicholas Proffitt, the Community Liaison Officer with the Office of the Attorney General Virginia. His topic of discussion was, "Red Flags & Tips to Avoid Becoming a Victim of a Scam."

Mr. Proffitt listed some of the most common types of scams to which seniors fall victim.

Most Common Scams:

- Healthcare Fraud: Medicare
- Counterfeit prescription drugs
- Funeral Scams: Read obituary, you owe me money
- Government impersonation scams: Social Security and IRS
- Telemarketing Scams
- The pigeon drop:
- Fake accidents: Your loved one
- Charity scam: common after natural disasters
- Internet Fraud
- Email Scams
- Tech support scams
- Homeowner scams
- Sweepstakes & Lottery scams
- Romance Scams
- Grandparents scam
- Home repair scams
- Family and Caregiver scams

Signs/Advice: Seniors are most targeted when it comes to scams and fraud. It's important to attend meetings like this and share the information with others. He added that, "If it seems too good to be true, it

probably is. Don't pay money to get money, avoid high pressure situations, do research, don't give out private information, if they want money through untraceable ways- red flag, pay attention to grammatical errors, if there is no return address- red flag, ultimately, be cautious.”

Mr. Proffitt has resources available to share (hot lines, phone numbers, business cards) for interested parties. Mr. Proffitt assured that his attorney's office tries to be prompt in responding to scam investigation requests but sometimes they are overwhelmed and unable to attend to each request immediately.

Old Business:

Sub-Committee Meeting Follow Up

Linda announced that there were three subcommittees that met at 9 am prior to the advisory board meeting and asked if any of the groups had any updates. Graylyn Owens asked if meeting times were flexible and asked if subcommittee leads should give grace periods prior to beginning the meeting. Linda assured everyone that meeting times are in fact flexible. She added that too much time shouldn't be wasted waiting on individuals to come to the meetings because it takes away time from getting business discussed and taken care of. The Speakers Bureau met with two attendees and no quorum was present. The information and ideas they developed will be shared later.

New Business:

Board Member Updates

Linda reported that member Cassandra Alston-Townsley had surgery and will be out for the next 6-8 months, and member Yvonne Gaynor recently resigned. She then asked board members to communicate their problems and concerns with her before moving forward.

Lead Agency Updates:

- Yolanda Clark introduced her manager ____ Lynn? No updates were given.
- Gina discussed the Foster Grandparent Program's luncheon that will be taking place on June 22 at the Landing Hotel. Gina will also be resigning from the lead director position at the end of June. She assured everyone that the program will be in good hands, but stated that her retirement will give her the opportunity to be more flexible in the community.
- William Massey: PAA has a federal transportation grant to provide transportation to veterans to the VA Medical Facility. He added that the lunch program is also back at Ivy Memorial Church at the corner of Marcella Road & Coliseum Drive. More information about both of these programs may be found on the PAA website.
- Mr. Proffitt mentioned that the Attorney General's Office has partnered with the state bar to offer free veterans legal services at Thomas Nelson Community College on June 16.

Public Comment:

- Josephine Reeves (Guest), George Gwynn, and William Massey all thanked Gina for her services with the Foster Grandparents Association.
- Sergeant Rummel stated that he found out about this meeting at the Senior Safety Summit. He offered his contact information (757-915-7974) to the public for anyone/agencies hosting events

that they'd like the police to be a part of. Recruiting and retention are major efforts being undertaken for the police force.

- Mayor Donnie Tuck: "I'm just happy to be here."

Adjournment:

Linda allowed all remaining guests the opportunity to identify themselves and the agency they represented. She then ended the meeting with these words of encouragement, "Be the sunshine in someone's cloud." She reminded everyone that the SCAC meetings take place every first Monday of the month and thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 11:13 am.

Minutes submitted by Victoria Joseph, PRLS Staff