

Ralph Magliette
Surfside Beach Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Minutes: June 27, 2016 Meeting

Present: Shelby Smith, Steve Shore, Joe Buzek, George Moustakis,
Gerald Miller, Carol Cook, Wanda Spannuth

Absent: Randle Stevens, Council Liaison

Senior Walk: Since the last meeting Wanda Spannuth met with the Surfside Beach Business Committee. That Committee was favorable for local businesses sponsoring the Senior Walk. They requested more information about costs. We have not been able to proceed as no one on the RMSBSCAC has any experience organizing a run or walk. It was suggested we postpone this to 2017 and the committee. Wanda will report this decision to the Business Committee.

Presentation on Alternatives to Guardianship: Mike Large, South Carolina Legal Services will present a clinic on this subject on July 29th at the Dick Johnson Civic Center from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. The committee agreed to distribute flyers to businesses throughout the town. Attorney Large has other presentations that would be valuable for residents. The Committee will work toward getting these scheduled.

Senior Fair: The 2nd Annual Senior Fair is scheduled for September 23, 2016. Chief Otte has agreed to allow us to use his facility, which is larger than the Civic Center. We hope to increase the number of vendors and do a better job of advertising. We have \$1,609.02 left in our budget in addition to the \$190.00 generated from registration fees. We will continue to offer non profits and government entities a table at no cost and keep the registration fee at \$10.00 for other businesses. RMSBSCAC has scheduled a meeting for July 18th at 4:00pm at 116 Harbor Lights Drive.

South Strand Senior Center: Shelby Smith requested the Town Council donate the lot which the Senior Center sits on to Horry County Council

on Aging. He advised Town Council the County would then donate the building to the Council on Aging. At issue is the lot adjacent to the Center. It was sold and the new owner will not allow Senior Center members to park on that lot. This has created a safety risk for the seniors who now park across the street from the Center. Shelby reported the Council on Aging and the Town of Surfside Beach rent this lot from the owner. The other option is the Council on Aging will purchase the lot. Town Council contacted Wanda to request the Committee look into this and make a recommendation to Council.

Shelby remarked that the Senior Center is not marketed in the Town of Surfside Beach. This could explain the lack of residents who are members of the Center.

Concerns expressed at the Committee meeting include:

- The Occupancy Permit allows 50 people to be in the building at one time. The Center has 45 members, only 4 members are Town residents.
- The cost to the Town of Surfside Beach. The suggested rental cost is \$500 per month, \$200 would be paid by Surfside Beach.
- It is important to improve marketing practices to insure residents are aware of the Center and the services it offers.

Wanda agreed to contact Tyler Servant, Horry County Council and the Fire Marshall about the Occupancy Permit.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Minutes submitted by Wanda Spannuth.