
Advisory Council Meeting
Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate
12125 Pinecrest Rd, Reston, VA 20191

Minutes – September 12, 2023
(Hybrid Meeting held in Person and via ZOOM)

Council Members Present:

In Person: Caren Anton, Maryam Ovissi, Kathleen Jones, Gerald Padmore, Andy Sigle, Ha Brock,

Via Zoom: Darlena Ricks, Angela Davis

Council Members Not Present:

Kelsey Myers

Community and Staff Present:

Quincy Lewis, Amanda Garrett, Karen De Mijango

Guests:

Yasmine Aquino

2023-2024 Council GOALS

Progress Workplan including:

- i. Increase balance in Advisory Fund to enhance capability to support CHCC programming efforts
- ii. Have all Council members involved in a minimum of 15 hours of service at CHCC
- iii. Have all Council positions filled
- iv. Support CHCC staff to increase outreach and programming to our adult communities
- v. Have all member complete NCS Volunteer training

Meeting Call to Order: Caren Anton, Chairman, at 7:13pm

Tonight's Agenda: Approved after motion by Gerald Padmore and second by Andy Sigle

Past Meeting Minutes: Approved after motion by Gerald Padmore and second by Maryam Ovissi

Treasurer's Report (Gerald Padmore):

See Treasurer's report for detail

June balance – \$6,949.88

Chairman's Report (Darlena Ricks):

Council vacancies – We have two vacancies for Fairfax County spots and three RA spots. There are a few adults in the process. There are two youth members interested and they will need to meet with board.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with Back-to-School Day and the upcoming Family Dinner Night.

Thank you to Jan Bradshaw for all the work she has done for CHCC and throughout the Reston community.

CHCC at Southgate – Directors Report (Quincy Lewis and staff):

See Director's report for detail

Grocery transportation services will be occurring monthly.

About 25 youth are participating in the after school program.

Nationals Baseball Game tickets are from a grant the Quincy Lewis obtained.

Plan to further discuss the October Family Festival at the next board meeting.

Computer Class includes instruction but also access to computers for those in need. The center has eight computers.

Discussion about teen leadership opportunities.

Discussion about adding a donation box to be out during Yoga and Pickleball. Discussion about the logistics concerning this: Who will be responsible? What will the money be used for? QR code?

Reston Association (Ha Brock):

September 16 is a community clean-up event. Discussion about logistics and plan for that event. Discussion about possibly implementing weekly neighborhood clean-up with the youth in the after school program. Parents would need to be notified. Possible ice cream social as an incentive for the youth who help with the clean-up efforts. This may be funded by Friends of Southgate.

Discussion about overgrown vegetation near CHCC.

Discussion about flyers and ensuring that they are accessible to the population they are intended for.

Discussion about the increase in community members dealing with homelessness in the area.

Old Business:

Scholarship Committee – Darlena Ricks to review notes from suggestions and concerns voiced after completing the first year of the scholarship. Need to form a committee to address this outside of the board meetings.

New Business:

See the updated Council Goals.

Need for new committees including fundraising and website.

Gerald is updating the Council on the website. Angela to assist with the website. All members can assist with keeping the Facebook account active.

Fundraising needs to increase.

Andy made a motion to create a Emeritus member category as a non-voting position for Jan Bradshaw.

This was seconded by Maryam. Alternative suggested by Caren to do a certificate of recognition.

Discussion as to if the bylaws allow for the emeritus member category. The edit to the bylaws will need to be approved by the county. Andy then made a motion to create a new category of non-voting representatives as Emeritus or founding members and that the first person in this category is Jan Bradshaw. Maryam seconded. A vote was held and it was voted yes. It will be taken to Gwen to review and guide as to if / how to have this approved. We will do a certificate as well.

Discussion of changing the name of Friends of Southgate and it was decided that we will keep the historical name for that non-profit.

Discussion as to if the board will meet during the summer.

Adjourn:

Adjourned at 9:02pm. Next meeting on October 3rd at 7pm.
