



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

Minutes – April 2, 2024

Council Members Present:

Caren Anton, Yasmine Aquino, Gerald Padmore, Kathleen Jones, Judy Singer, Alexandra Rossi, Andy Sigle, Judy Singer.

Council Members Not Present: Maryam Ovissi

Community and Staff Present:

Quincy Lewis (NCS), Satoriea Warren (NCS), Karen De Mijango (NCS), Gwenn Minton (BOS Hunter Mill), Ha Brock (RA), Officer Jenette Post (virtual, FCPD)

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, Chair, at 7:00pm

Tonight's Agenda: Approved after the motion passed unanimously.

Past Meeting Minutes: March 5 minutes approved after the motion passed unanimously.

Announcement: Darlena Ricks is not coming back to the Advisory Council.

Chairman's Report (Caren Anton):

- Council Members
 - There are currently only 9 Council members.
 - Gwen suggested decreasing the number of Council members.
- Youth member
 - One of more council members will visit the teen center to talk in person.
 - 2 volunteers need to go to visit the teenagers and tell them about the opportunity.
 - Andy suggested to look into the Y Teen Center program.
 - Caren suggested the term can be half year instead of a full year.
- Caren – There are two programs to hang – CHCC opening and renaming.
- Distinguishing between Advisory Council and Friends of CHCC actions.

Discussion of programming/programming needs

- Quincy presented the list of participation:
 - Teen Program – 20 players Basketball team
 - Our Minds Matter – 6 Teens
 - School-age (Spring Camp) – 38 and After School Program 63 registered
 - Senior Program – 15
 - Adult Pickleball – 15
 - Adult Zumba average – 35
 - English Classes – 40 for both ESOL classes
- Teen and senior programs are the newest programs.
- Quincy – We are advertising the programs via word of mouth, and there's also a flyer.
- Ha – Reston Association can give flyers to participants in their senior programs where they provide breakfast, transportation, and movies.
- On Thursdays, the Senior programs at CHCC – There are arts and crafts, Rumiko, bingo, field trips (cherry blossoms), botanical gardens, grocery shopping trips. Painting classes.
- Survey to see what seniors prefer to do. Caren suggested stop by the Center and ask the seniors.
- ESOL classes are on Wednesday.
- Ha – Can place an ad in the RA calendar
- Possibility to reach out to the RCC (Bebe) senior program. Or Lisa our liaison with RCC.

FPCD Community Outreach Report (Officer Post):

- Officer Post didn't have any report for the Council.

MakerSpace Project Ha and Glenn Simonelli

- Glenn presented questions to the Council about what the Community Center wants for the MakerSpace.
- Glenn needs budget to purchase items and then a monthly budget to maintain the program.
- Idea to make something that can be taken out of the Center, like a boat for the Regatta at Lake Anne.
- Andy - NovaLabs will be happy to come and help. There's a small MakerSpace next to the library and a STEAM team in English and Spanish.
- Idea: Parents and kids can come on the weekends. MakerSpace will be available during weekends with teens helping.
- Place for the MakerSpace – Probably in the backroom. Rollable cabinets to store away and move when tools are needed. Very secured so kids can't take the tools out. MakerSpace will have to be movable, so the room can be repurposed when the kids are not working at the MakerSpace.
- MakerSpace can be a once-a-week class that Glenn can teach.
- Next step – Allocate budget

- Maker Space Committee was formed: Glenn Simonelli, Satoriea Warren, Yasmine Aquino, and Quincy Lewis.

CHCC at Southgate – Directors Report (Quincy Lewis):

- Family Dinner – We need 45 volunteers for the Family Dinner on May 10th
- Teens in Action Program at the Community Center – We’re hoping to get up to 50 kids. Program won’t interfere with the Senior Programs because they are on different days and times.
- Girls on the run – There are 11 girls registered.
- Starting in May, we’ll have a representative from the Court House at the Center to provide services like marriage licenses. Advertising will start in May, and it will be up and running in June.
- Southgate apartments construction – It won’t impact the Community Center.
- Scout program – Boy Scouts helped with the closets. Scouts came with their families.

Reston Association Report (Ha):

- Annual members meeting to announce new board next Tuesday at 7pm at the RA.
- Garden Bed (Eagle Scouts Project) - Instead of making it out of wood that might rot, it would be better to make it using steel.
- There’s free soil at the community gardens or the dump.

New Business:

- CHCC Space rental - Council members who want to rent space for personal events. Caren will email application requirements to the County. Free of charge once a year.
- Flea market proposed by Quincy – Donation event by Friends of Southgate. There will be tables with items of different prices. At the end of the event, any items that weren’t sold can be donated.

Adjourn:

Adjourned at 8:17 pm after the motion passed unanimously.