

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

Minutes – February 6, 2024
(Virtual Meeting via ZOOM)

Council Members Present:

Caren Anton, Maryam Ovissi, Gerald Padmore, Lisa Hviding (virtual), Kathleen Jones (virtual), Darlena Ricks, Yasmine Aquino, Judy Singer, Alexandra Rossi

Council Members Not Present: Lubna Mohammed, Andy Sigle

Community and Staff Present:

Quincy Lewis (NCS), Satoriea Warren (virtual, NCS), Gwenn Minton (BOS Hunter Mill), Lisa Sechrest-Ehrhardt (RCC), Nick Acord (virtual, Cornerstones), Ha Brock (RA), Kerrie Bouie (future Council member), 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, Chairman, at 7:04pm

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

Past Meeting Minutes: Approved after the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Secretary:

- Nominations- NONE
- Caren Anton proposed and moved that the Secretary role will rotate until officer elections in June. Second by Maryam Ovissi. Motion passed unanimously.
- Rotation schedule: Judy Singer (March), Alexandra Rossi (April), Kerrie Bouie (May), Lisa Hviding (June)

Chairman's Report (Caren Anton):

- Welcome new members: Lubna Mohammed, Judy Singer and Alexandra Rossi
- Kerrie Bouie has agreed to seek the one RA position still vacant.
- Jan Bradshaw plaque presentation event went well – photos will be put on website.
- Jan Bradshaw cash box displayed. Programs inside of box will be framed and displayed on a wall at the Center.

Treasurer's Report (Gerald Padmore):

See Treasurer's report for detail.

- February balance – \$7,201.44
- The \$750 for the 2023 scholarship will be paid out in February and be reflected in March balance

CHCC at Southgate – Directors Report (Quincy Lewis):

See Director's report for detail,

- Standard programming continues.
- Pickleball schedule extended to 1:00-3:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Upcoming events:
 - February 10 – first game for CHCC Basketball team
 - February 15 – Family Dinner – 7:30-8:30pm – includes recognition of Black History month. Council member volunteers – Andy Sigle, Caren Anton, Yasmine Aquino and Judy Singer
 - March 16 – Boy Scouts clean-up of Center (joint venture with RA)
- Focus on Makerspace painting and other projects with assistance from Fannie Mae volunteers.

Reston Association Report (Ha):

- Can assist in providing volunteer(s) for additional Makerspace projects – will send a follow up email.
- Has a student volunteer who will maintain the Center library on an ongoing basis.
 - Book donations have exceeded ability to accommodate.
 - Perhaps reach out to Friends of Reston Library for assistance

Cornerstones Report (Nick):

- Opportunity Neighborhood Ambassadors participated in a day of advocacy in Richmond.
- Working on creating an ON membership card that will give discounted fee access to county and other services
- Working with RCC on a culturally sensitive women's swim class

Reston Community Center (Lisa)

- Sponsoring a community meeting to discuss the future of RCC facilities and programs on February 12 from 6:30-8:00pm at RCC Hunters Woods

FCPD (Officer Post):

- Officer Post introduced herself as the new community outreach liaison with FCPD. Has served 18 years with FCPD but is new to this role. Has reached out to other FCPD community outreach liaisons and plans to get up to speed quickly.

Old Business:

- Flyer announcing the scholarship almost completed. Flyer needs Friends logo. Flyer will be in the next Center newsletter.
 - Deadline for applications is April 30
 - Once receive applications will decide on amount and number of scholarships that will be awarded.
 - Approximate dollar amount reserved for scholarships is \$2,500.
 - Scholarship less needs based and more involvement with Center based.
- GMU Honors College assisting with creating a fundraising event – direction needed.
 - Fundraising goal of up to \$10,000 agreed upon.
 - Budget of up to \$800-\$1,000 agreed upon for funding this event.
 - Ideas for event include Makerspace, pickleball tournament, basketball tournament, carnival, yearlong effort such as restaurant donations of portion of proceeds.
 - Makerspace event agreed upon.
 - Once fundraising event creation completed the Council will vote on whether to pursue the direction defined by GMU.

New Business:

- Divide open Ffx Co. Youth Member position among 2-4 teens. Opportunity for Community service points to be earned. Notices to be sent to South Lakes HS and Herndon HS.
- Consider creating a Friends of Southgate strategic plan.
- Expand social media presence.
- Research possible drone training class

Adjourn:

Adjourned at 8:44 pm after the motion passed unanimously.