

Atlanta Commission on Aging

August 18, 2009--Minutes

Present: Betty Holmes, Marilyn Morton, MaryHughes, Betsy Teplis, Helene Mills, Tinnie Prather, Delores Lattimore, Inez Heard, Sanford Wilborn, Joyce Jones George Pilkington, Anne Wofford Mckenzie, Carol Edwards

Excused Absences: Pam Mayo, Ernestine Mitchell.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair, Betty Holmes.

Words of Encouragement, Helene Mills. God's Storehouse—"Just when you think you've graduated from the school of experience, someone thinks of a new course."

New Coordinator, Keyanna Howard was introduced. Mr. Cole has been promoted to a new position.

Agenda approved. Minutes read and approved with corrections.

Roll Call

Introduction of new Commission member: Betsy Teplis, appointed by Howard Shook.

Committee Reports:

Recreation—Delores Lattimore—List of names of Atlanta Golden Age Clubs distributed. Will send Newsletter to Golden Age Groups. Please send names and addresses to Marilyn Morton for distribution of Newsletter.

Sanitation-Joyce Jones—No report. Continues to work with community on abandoned houses and safety of neighborhood.

Crime Prevention/Public Safety—Tinnie Prather—8/4/09 attended National Night Out at Pittman Park. Police Dept representatives did a presentation of Teenage crime, guns, etc. Book Bags, school supplies and health information were

distributed. Food was provided. These events were held in neighborhoods throughout Atlanta.

Visitors:

John Timberlake—expressed his concern for seniors and disabled individuals. The city of Atlanta was found to be in violation of some of the ADA regulations regarding new construction. CDHR (Community Development and Human Resources) should be involved.

Ben Howard—Rep. Council on Aging East.—Distributed copies of Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Monthly Newsletter. We need to encourage seniors to vote in the 11/3/09 election and make sure they are registered.

Old Business:

Rescheduled Nettie Douglas (Water Shed Department) for September meeting.

New Business:

Representatives from the Fulton County Election Department, Shantelle Walters and William Powell have been making presentations to senior groups to make it easier for them to register to vote. The presentation including info on:

1. Mailing ballots
2. Advance voting
3. Photo I.D. requirements, and where to go to take photos
4. Provisional ballots
5. Transportation to polls
6. Poll Worker recruitment

Requested that Commission member submit names of places where they need to make additional presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Edwards, Secretary.