

ATLANTA COMMISSION ON AGING

JULY 21, 2009

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Betty Holmes, Helene Mills, Ernestine Mitchell, George Pilkington, Carol Edwards, Marilyn Morton, Pam Mayo, Inez Heard, AnneWoffordMcKenzie, Arthur Cole.

Excused absences: Tinnie Prather, Delores Lattimore, Joyce Jones

Unexcused absences: Sanders Wilborn, Sally Hughes

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair, Betty Holmes.

Prayer by Ernestine Mitchell, Words of Encouragement by Helene Mills:

(" Smart it when you believe only half of what you hear. Brilliant is when you know which half to believe".)

Beginning with the next meeting (August) Ms. Mills will be responsible for our monthly "Words of Encouragement".

Carol Edwards (Secy.) will produce an official Sign-in sheet form.

Roll Call: Pam Mayo

Special Guest Speaker: Nettie Douglas—Senior Outreach Coordinator, Department of Water-Shed Management. Addressed issues concerning Water Meters in Senior Hi Rises and Single Homes.

1. 30% discount from City of Atlanta(qualifications):
 - a. Must be age 65
 - b. Water bill must be in senior's name

c. Income less than \$25.00.00 per year.

Effective 7/1/09 a 12% water usage increase. Newly built Condos and Apartments will have individual meters. Billing for water for some are by 3rd party contracts. (The City of Atlanta has no control of these companies.

There is help for bill payment and for help when arrears occur. Call Nettie Douglas for assistance. (404-589-2684)

Drought restrictions are over; however there are still rules in place. You can only water 3X per week with no watering on Fridays. Ms. Douglas will come back to our meeting next month to demonstrate Low-flow apparatus.

Meeting Business continued:

Minutes were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Housing: Ernestine Mitchell- no report, unable to reach Ms. Glover at AHA.

Social Support: Carol Edwards-Distributed information on Health& Wellness and Personal Health Prevention Cards from the Area Agency on Aging. Gave up-date on Health and Wellness Initiatives of the AAA.

Transportation: George Pilkington-Investigating reports about MARTA not announcing seats for handicapped and seniors on MARTA trains.

Continues to follow-up on monies to be spent for Senior Zone initiatives. To date monies have been used for other projects.

Mrs. Mills wants to advocate on behalf of seniors attending Senior Centers for MARTA to provide transportation to the Centers and the State to provide Medical transportation. Mr. Pilkington will assist with this effort.

Information& Education: Marilyn Morton-Presented draft of the Atlanta Commission on Aging Bi-Annual Newsletter. Summer (July-Dec.) and winter (Jan.-June) issues. The body will review and submit any ideas, corrections, additions.

The ACA does not have a budget for mailing, etc. It was suggested that we solicit funds from the budgets of the Commissioners who appointed us to the ACA.

Photo ID's—we were asked to bring to the next meeting, names of those seniors who need to sign up for Photo ID's.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carol Edwards, Secretary