

ATLANTA COMMISSION ON AGING
JUNE 16, 2009
MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Betty Holmes, Delores Lattimore, Pam Mayo, Helene Mills, Ernestine Mitchell, George Pilkington, Tinnie Prather, Sanders Wilborn, Joyce Jones, Anne Wofford McKenzie

Excused Absence: Carol Edwards, Inez Heard, Mary Hughes, Marilyn Morton

Absent: Jaclyn Barbarrow

The meeting called to order at 10:04 am by Betty Holmes (Chair)

Words of encouragement “DON’T FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD ...instead go where there is no path and leave a trail. ”-----Delores Lattimore (Vice Chair)

June Agenda approved

May Minutes approved with one correction: Ms Tinnie passed safety mission to Carol Edwards.

Committee Reports:

Ernestine Mitchell: Attended meeting with C.T. Martin about residents in high rise (Park Commons). Spoke about young adults hanging out in high rises and grandparents needing to be responsible for grandkids. Ms. Mitchell also talked about zip code 30310 doing senior private home repairs. Goals for 2009 turned in.

George Pilkington: stated Money is available for senior zone; Mr. Pridgeon stated there was no money which is why the Mayor couldn't sign the ordinance. George will go out to research work/repairs that State requested for safety not operational problems. Mr. Pilkington has requested that each board member called and report when street work is being done so that he might check to see if it is in fact necessary work. It was suggest sometimes work is not needed.

Delores Lattimore: Contacted Sandra Long with the Golden Age Club she could not make our June meeting.

Committee Discussion:

Betty Holmes: Spoke about Commission on Aging getting additional education, outreach and joining together with other agencies. She stated instead of reinventing the wheel, joining in with these more connected with senior information would benefit our efforts. It was suggested Members of Commission on Aging should join Council on Aging Inc. (independent organization) Since other Council on Aging meets on the same day as Commission on Aging Ms. Holmes suggested the board join East COA located at the Mills Center, starting in August. Betty also acknowledged the work Ernestine Mitchell and George Pilkington has done and their Awards.

Helene Mills: When Ms. Holmes said she was waiting to hear from Ms. Williamson about money for Council on Aging Ms. Mills Assisted the board in understanding Council on Aging gets small grants from Fulton County (no funding) .Ms. Mills suggested bringing Ms. Shelia from the Water Shed Dept. to explain why High Raises didn't receive the same 30% discount, City of Atlanta Private Residential owners received. Ms. Shelia will meet with the board in July.

Joyce Jones & Anne Wofford Mckenzie: spoke about Atlanta Housing Authority. It was said AHA projects use to be a family affair. Much has changed from the beginning to the present time. AHA seems to be less involved. Crime is higher than ever before.

Mr. Cole and Ernestine Mitchell: Will work on getting someone from AHA to come to our July meeting to address additional concerns with High Raises.

Mr. Cole introduced his new intern, Mr. Williams to the board.

Board decided to honor seniors on their 100th Birthday with a Celebratory Greeting from the City of Atlanta. Board will need the name, address, phone

number, birth date, short bio of the City of Atlanta Resident. Each receiver will be presented only once. It was also stated this shouldn't in any way take away the focus on the true purpose of the board. We should also give at least one months notice prior to receiving the greeting. The Information and Educational Committee will present the greeting.