SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Meeting April 16th 2026 3:00 PM
AJAX TURNER SENIOR CENTER

Mission Statement: "to provide a multi-purpose facility and services for seniors that will enhance their enjoyment and quality of life"

CALL TO ORDER: Beverly Guynn called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

ATTENDANCE (alphabetically listed): Rita Allsop, Rose Bennett, Gregory Fryer, Lois Greider, Beverly Guynn, Maureen Potter, Otis Sanders

QUORUM VERIFICATION: Beverly Guynn verified quorum.

PRAYER: Otis Sanders offered an opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2): (1) Jill Crow commented that she believes that this Board needs strong leadership. She stated that this Board should declare its independence as the governing body of this Senior Center. She stated that she believes this Board should engage legal counsel and declare officially its refusal to acquiesce to the Mayor's plan to discontinue funding of the Center by the City thereby transferring the management of the Center to the City's Department of Parks and Recreation. Ms. Crow presented a letter, composed by an attorney, for Board perusal suggesting that the Board, as a whole, sign this letter declaring a rejection of the transfer of the Center to the City's management.
(2) Lois Greider introduced herself as a longtime Center member and former Board member who believes the Board should "defend the Seniors and not go along with the Mayor".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: All Board members present confirmed their respective reading of the minutes of the March 12, 2026 Board meeting. Greg Fryer moved that these minutes be accepted as submitted, Otis Sanders seconded with unanimous voice vote approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Rita Allsop identified the repair of the following building items that have been dysfunctional for long periods of time: fire alarm system (has failed inspection for the past eight (8) years, bathroom back flow, elevator, bathroom hand dryers (have not worked for past seven (7) years, pool room ceiling fans, cafeteria warming table, purchase of a new cafeteria ice maker

FISCAL REPORT: Chazin & Company representative was unable to attend but will be present for next month's meeting. The submitted Fiscal Report for the past month was reviewed. Greg Fryer moved to approve this report, Otis Sanders seconded followed by unanimous voice vote.

STAFF REPORTS:
ADC Director: There is no longer a director of this program. It has been decided to use a Program Manager to coordinate the staff and services offered.
Membership Coordinator-see attached report
Development Coordinator-see attached report
Activities/Volunteers-no report
Kitchen Manager: no report
Maintenance Facilities-see section entitled “Executive Director’s Report”

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Marketing and Fundraising Committee: no report
Operations & Activities Committee: no report
Personnel & Grievance Committee: no report
Building & Grounds: no report

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion occurred about filling 2 vacant positions on the board by appointment.
2. Consideration of a plan for members to reclaim belongings currently on Center premises.
3. Discussion to compose an exhaustive list of items in the Center purchased both from grant funds and donated items specifically designated as gifts to the Center.
4. Discussion ensued regarding the Mayor’s not having consulted with the Board for input regarding his plan to transfer the Center management to the City’s Parks & Recreation Department.
5. Request made by Greg Fryer for a copy of the Center’s lease agreement with the City and a copy of the Budget.
6. Announcement of the resignation of Kitchen Manager Lorie Redmon creating a vacancy for a Full-time Kitchen Manager.
7. Otis Sanders identified the need for creating a plan for a preventative maintenance program pointing out that a lack of performing regular scheduled care is likely responsible for much of the equipment/possession chronic disrepair in the building.

BOARD ACTION:

1. Board unanimously voted to appoint Lois Greider, as a Center Board member, to fill board vacancy and to appoint Maureen Potter, as a Center Board member, to fill secretary/treasurer position
2. Decision made to table developing a plan for members to reclaim belongings until next month.
3. Introduction made of newly hired Activity Director Morissa Collum.
4. Decision made to employ steam cleaning as preferred method to sanitize soiled cloth chairs in room 402.

.**ADJOURNMENT**: Rose Bennet moved to adjourn, Otis Sanders seconded. Beverly Guynn adjourned this meeting at 4:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen R. Potter
Board Secretary/Treasurer

*****Next Meeting May 21, 2026**