

Hampton Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Community Development Conference Room City Hall 5th Floor
June 7, 2021 ~ 10:00am

Present:

Board Members: Linda H. Kindred-Chair; Doris Farmer-Vice Chair; Martha Clark; Yvonne Gaynor; George Gwynn; C’Faison Harris; Martha Johnson; Angela Leary; Sandra Waldo

Lead Agency Reps: Yolanda Clark, Social Services; Susan Elswick, HPRLS; Gloria Jones, HPRLS; Shaeron King (HPRLS), Dorran White (HPRLS)

Visitors: Donnie Tuck, Mayor; Chris Bowman, City Council; Lena Burton; Hazel Duck; Gloria Strong; Gloria Tyler

Guest Speaker: Nicole Dennis

I. Call to order

Ms. Kindred called the meeting to open with a welcome and opening prayer. She added that if anyone had any questions, to first please raise their hands.

II. Roll call

Ms. Farmer conducted the roll call. A quorum was present. Chair Kindred asked members to contact her if they would not be attending meetings. She added that they were not to send word of their absence by another person.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April Minutes as recorded was made by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mr. Gwynn. The motion carried.

Ms. Kindred requested that board members arrive on time to meetings in order to conduct business in a timely manner.

A motion to approve the May Notes as written was made by Ms. Harris and seconded by Ms. Farmer. The motion carried. Ms. Gaynor suggested having extra hard copies for those who do not have the option to print or receive minutes via

email. Ms. Gaynor then made a motion to have extra copies available that was seconded by Ms. Leary. The motion carried.

IV. **Old Business**

Election s for Chair and Vice Chair

The floor was opened to receive nominations for the office of Chair. Ms. Leary nominated Linda Kindred to continue as Chair. Votes were counted via raising of the hand with nine (9) in favor and none (0) opposed.

The floor was then opened to receive nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Ms. Gaynor nominated Ms. Farmer to continue as Vice Chair. Votes were counted via raising of the hand, with eight (8) in favor and non (0) opposed.

Both Ms. Kindred and Ms. Farmer were congratulated on the continuation of their terms of office through January 2022.

Senior Center Renaming

Ms. Harris read the name suggestions for the Center as follows:

- o 60+ plus Center
- o Active for Life
- o Kecoughtan Center
- o The People's Center
- o Mature Elites
- o Hampton Mature Adult Center
- o Senior Activity Center (no change)

Note: (Voting options - Available at the Senior Center to vote on the name change.)

Subcommittee Sign-Up s

Board members and lead agency personnel were asked to participate on HSCAC subcommittees.

Residents Association - Susan Elswick, George Gwynn, Martha Johnson, Shaeron King, Angela Leary, Sandra Waldo.

Mayor's Town Hall - Martha Clark, Doris Farmer, Yvonne Gaynor, Gloria Jones, Linda Kindred, Angela Leary, Sandra Waldo. Ms. Leary asked when would be the next event. Ms. Kindred stated that none have been scheduled to date. Mayor Tuck asked that his office be contacted when scheduling is made available.

Speakers Bureau - Martha Clark, Yvonne Gaynor, C'Faison Harris, Angela Leary.

Annual Report - Yvonne Gaynor, C'Faison Harris, Angela Leary. Ms. Harris made a motion to add a report for the fiscal year. Ms. Farmer seconded, and the motion carried.

Annual Awards Ceremony/Senior Awards Event - Martha Clark, Doris Farmer, Linda Kindred, Susan Elswick

Questions raised about the Subcommittees:

- Due to Covid-19 and not enough time to get the names of honorees, the Annual Awards Ceremony event has been tabled. It was decided no food or drink would be served. Ms. Gaynor asked who made the decision not to have food or drink? Ms. Kindred responded the decision was made during the 'huddle' meeting. Ms. Gaynor expressed that the issue should have been brought before the membership and the decision made by them. Ms. Kindred noted that Mr. McCauley, as the lead agency director, made the decision. Ms. Leary added that there are city officials who may override committee decisions or assist with making those decisions. Ms. Kindred then called for a motion to postpone the 2021 Awards event. Ms. Gaynor made the motion and Ms. Leary seconded. The motion carried.
- Questions about volunteers and observers for the subcommittees. Ms. Kindred and Ms. Harris advised board members make up the subcommittees. Ms. Harris stated that she would ask for direction from the Assistant City Attorney on whether volunteers from the community would be

permitted to participate on subcommittees in an effort to bring public concerns to the Board.

V. **New Business**

Ms. Kindred noted that a request for two (2) new council appointed board members was submitted to replace Ms. Christine Evans, who resigned due to health reasons, and Ms. Kachina Thomas who has not been attendance since her appointment. Councilman Bowman stated he would look into the request.

VI. **Guest Speaker**

Ms. Elswick gave an update on the progress of the Senior Center and the re-opening of the center by introducing Ms. Nicole Dennis who gave the reopening date as June 14, 2021. Ms. Dennis gave a brief account of the mask ordinance, saying that fully vaccinated individuals need not be masked but those not vaccinated are required to wear a mask. Ms. Dennis pointed out that in regards to the Senior Center that Hampton is unique as we identify having a senior community and most other cities don't identify their senior community. Ms. Dennis provided new flyers that are being used in marketing.

VII. **Public Comment**

Ms. Leary and Ms. Waldo discussed issues they were experiencing with the tenant manager at their senior living complex, Sinclair Commons. Ms. Leary also noticed that the listing of the community centers and activities didn't list the phone numbers or locations, and she created an updated listing which was distributed to all present. Mr. Gwynn stated that most of the people living in the complex didn't know who the tenant manager was, so some issues do not get addressed. In regards to Mr. Gwynn's statement, Ms. Kindred suggested having an event to update the tenants or possibly forming a committee and asking the Mayor for assistance. Ms. Gaynor gave kudo to Ms. Leary and Ms. Waldo for their diligence in addressing senior living issues.

Ms. White gave kudos to Ms. Lori Thomas, Director of the 311 Customer Contact Center, for the quick response on street repairs reported to her at the May meeting. Repairs were under way the next day. Great work Ms. (311) Thomas.

Ms. Hazel Duck inquired about an issue she was having with the easement area close to her home. Ms. Duck was advised to speak with Councilman Bowman after the meeting.

Ms. Kindred reminded members that if they were doing anything in the name of HSCAC, she must first be and approval received from Director McCauley.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Before adjourning, Ms. Kindred reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote on June 8. A motion to adjourn was made; all were in favor, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 11:15pm.

DWhite, HPRLS/HSCAC Recording Secretary