

**Village of Westchester
Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Village Hall – Community Room
10300 West Roosevelt Road Westchester, IL. 60154
Tuesday, March 4, 2014**

Minutes

Present

Sucada Bell*
Neil Faulkner
Jim Gabel
Nicole LoCoco
Abigail Martin
Charles Pedersen*
Mirika Sentongo*
Tom Yurkovich*

*** absent**

Start Time: 7:05 PM

Discussion

- I. Approval of the February 5, 2014 meeting minutes**
- II. Possible change in the Citizens Advisory Board monthly meeting date:** The Citizens Advisory Board members discussed and decided to leave the normal, monthly meeting at the second Wednesday of every month, as stated in the by-laws.
- III. Old Business**

Get Out and Play:

Meeting with St. Joseph High School

Jim Gabel and Abby Martin summarized the meeting they had with Stephanie Morton, the Director of Development Operations of St. Joseph High School, which took place at St. Joseph's on Friday, February 28, 2014. It was confirmed that we will have use of St. Joseph High School on Saturday, June 7, 2014 to carry out our Get Out and Play event. Ms. Morton stated the entire St. Joseph High School premises are available for our use, including the gym-main building, cafeteria, global resource center (where the Citizens Advisory Board health fair was previously held), theatre, classrooms, gym-old building, sports fields, any green areas, parking areas, and the use of the electronic sign in front of the building to promote the event.

Ms. Morton will be sending the Citizens Advisory Board a general agreement that would need to be reviewed and signed off on. Tom Yurkovich will be handling the insurance requirements for this event.

Some other items were discussed, along with how St. Joseph High School personnel and students may want to participate in the Get Out and Play event.

Next Steps

A substantial amount of time was then spent on what businesses/organizations should be contacted, and which Citizens Advisory Board member would be contacting them. At this time, it was agreed on that 32 businesses/organizations will be contacted about

participating in the Get Out and Play event. The 32 contacts were then divided between Abby Martin, Nicole LoCoco, Neil Faulkner and Jim Gabel. These contacts will be made as quickly as possible, and a status will be discussed at a special Citizens Advisory Board meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the village hall – community room. Jim Gabel has put together a list of the contacts with some other pertinent information, a flyer draft, and provider communication document.

It was also decided that there will be no senior bingo at the Get Out and Play event, and the promoting of potential 'get fit' programs that would extend beyond the day of the event would be put on hold to next year (should this event happen again).

Other

Jim Gabel saw in the Village of Westchester's March 2014 Newsletter that on Friday, March 14, from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM, the 3rd Annual Senior Breakfast with the President will be held at the St. Joseph High School, Global Resource Center. This is where senior citizen residents of Westchester are invited to join Sam Pulia for a free breakfast and learn about what is planned for the community in 2014. It was felt this would be a good forum for Sam Pulia to mention the planned Saturday, June 7th, Get Out and Play event, and that Tom Yurkovich could fill Sam in about the event.

IV. New Business

High School: As mentioned in the previous month's minutes, this topic was recently removed from the agenda, but a few Citizens Advisory Board members thought it needed better closure. In addition, it was determined that the Citizens Advisory Board would be the one to take this issue to the village board, if the Citizens Advisory Board strongly believes that the creation of 'Public Education Board', that would address Westchester education from K thru 12, is warranted.

What was briefly discussed at the meeting was the need for all Citizens Advisory Board members to be 'on-board' with taking this recommendation to the village board, and if so, we must create a solid case/presentation. This would possibly entail developing what the agenda of this board would be; what would be in their by-laws; what interactions would the board have and with who; potential structure of this board; etc.

This topic was left for the members to think about, and it will be off the Citizens Advisory Board's agenda until after the Get Out and Play event.

Adjourned: 8:29 PM

If you have any questions or comments regarding these minutes please contact Jgabel5994@aol.com.

The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will be a special meeting and will take place on March 19, 2014, in the board room of the village hall.