

MINUTES: Healthy Carolinians of Macon County – Elder Care and Caregivers Committee

DATE: November 3, 2009

PLACE: Community Facilities Building

TIME: 12:00 N – 1:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Sarah Altman, Rhonda Blanton, Dorothy Crawford, John Crawford, Kathy McGaha, Teresa Murray, Michael Rich, Derek Roland, Sheila Southard, Jim Thurmond and Vince West

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome and Approval of Minutes	<p>Sheila Southard welcomed everyone to today's meeting of the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee. Ms. Southard asked the committee members to review the minutes of the last meeting. Vince West motioned for the approval of the minutes. Dorothy Crawford 2nd the motion, with a unanimous vote for approval.</p>		
Senior Friendly Examples	<p>Sheila Southard briefly reviewed what has been discussed in previous meetings concerning Senior Friendly Communities. Ms. Southard stated that the committee members voted at the last meeting to pursue this topic further.</p> <p>Ms. Southard stated that lots of information useful to this project had already been gathered and could be used. Ms. Southard said instead of duplicating work that was being done by other committees or groups that this committee could make sure these other committees and groups are aware of this available information.</p> <p>Ms. Southard asked Derek Roland to review the Comprehensive Plan the planning board is currently working on. Mr. Roland explained that the Comprehensive Plan is intended to be a vision of what our citizens want our county to look like 20 years from now.</p> <p>Mr. Roland stated that one way the planning board is gathering information was to form subcommittees to examine elements in the planning board's preliminary outline for a long-range plan. These subcommittees are composed of experts, citizens and planning board liaisons. The subcommittee members will further</p>		

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	<p>examine specific topics, discuss them in-depth and make recommendations of goals and objectives to the planning board.</p> <p>Mr. Roland listed the subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Input Committee ▪ Health/Seniors/Child Care ▪ Education/Recreation ▪ Housing/Transportation ▪ Economic Development/Public Services ▪ Land Use/Environment <p>Ms. Southard then passed around several handouts she had gathered with information for Senior Friendly Communities. Ms. Southard asked the committee members to review these handouts and discuss if this committee could use any of them or duplicate what they contain for our use.</p> <p>After a group discussion, the committee members agreed to collect information that could possibly be used and bring it to the next meeting. Ms. Southard stated the information would be more helpful if it was directly related to Macon County.</p> <p>Ms. Southard also asked the committee members if any additional people needed to be invited to our next meeting to further look at this topic. The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mike Grubermann – Town of Franklin ❖ Chamber of Commerce representative ❖ Karen Wisman – Senior Services 	<p>The committee members will gather information (specific to Macon County if possible) and bring this information to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Senior Services New Location</p>	<p>Sheila Southard announced that the new opening date for the new Senior Services location is December 7th. Ms. Southard said a “Grand Opening” for the facility would be held later in the month.</p>		

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Other Items for Discussion	<p>Other Items for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Derek Roland asked the committee members to fill out a survey to gather information for the Comprehensive Plan that the planning board is currently working on. Mr. Roland said the survey is available online at the county’s website www@maconnc.org. Once on the website, look for the heading “Take the Planning Department Survey”, or hard copies can be picked up at the Planning Department. 		
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Elder Care and Caregivers Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 12 th , from 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM in Meeting Rooms A/B at the Health and Human Services Building.		The location of the next meeting has been changed to the new Senior Services Building. The meeting date and time are still the same.