

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY MEETING

March 25, 2010

The meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was called to order by chairman Brian Denniston at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman. Attendance was taken. There were 22 people present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. There were no comments or corrections.

The first half of the meeting consisted of a slide presentation by Chuck Thomas about the Weatherization Assistance Program through the Orange County Rural Development Advisory Corporation. There were also three speakers from RDAC. The goal of the weatherization program is to reduce the amount of money to heat and cool your home. There are income guidelines; and it is on a first come first serve basis.

Someone comes to your home and does an energy audit. They will replace light bulbs and smoke detectors. It is funded annually. The other speakers spoke about the other programs and services offered by RDAC.

The Access to Home program provides assistance to property owners to make dwelling units accessible for low-moderate income persons with disabilities. It also helps the frail elderly. It makes it possible for homeowners & renters to live safely and comfortably in their residence and avoid institutional care.

There are no age restrictions. Applications can be requested through the local program administrator.

Another service they offer is housing counseling for foreclosures. This is countywide. They also offer credit counseling and pre and post purchase homeownership counseling.

There were applications and other literature available for anyone that wanted them.

Coffee break at 8:00 p.m. Meeting called back to order at 8:15 p.m.

During the second half of the meeting we discussed looking into renting out activity center for a \$200 fee to raise money for the City.

We could hold dances and other children events, conferences and special seminars for groups. Could also rent out for showers, birthday parties, graduation parties as well as other events.

We also heard complaints.

We had several new members who came for the first time. There were also some members of the public who came for the weatherization program. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be April 29 2010.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Keller