

Senior Advisory Board

March 2019

In March, the Senior Advisory Board continued working on plans to establish “My Ride Oak Ridge,” a senior volunteer transportation program to replace the city’s taxi coupon program. The board completed an initial set of Policies and Procedures and has received word about the approval of the application for a \$90,000 grant to help finance the first 3 years of the program. In April the board is looking forward to having City Council vote to accept the grant, then getting set up to provide the first volunteer ride before the April 15th deadline to get the first year of that grant funding.

The board also discussed furniture for the new Senior Center that will open later in 2019. The Board was told that former board member Liz Batchelor is working on raising funds for furniture. If costs exceed the amount raised, the City will pay the remaining cost. Furniture will be purchased through the City government in order to qualify for best prices and to ensure that it meets requirements for the Center.

~Ellen Smith, Observer