

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, July 6, 2006
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Williams at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Lorous "Connie" Brown
Doris Burland
Judy Kephart
Marguerite Nelson
Jay Pace
Prudence Short
Don Stevenson
Joanne Williams

Denis Bertone, City Councilmember
Theresa Bruns, Director of Parks and Recreation
Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
Erica Rodriguez, Senior Citizen Services Coordinator

Absent: Beverly Levreau, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2006 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 4, 2006, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KEPHART AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report highlighting the daily nutrition program.

Staff stated that in the past the Usage Report reflected the total meals ordered. In order to more effectively report the actual number of individuals fed, the Usage Report will now illustrate the total meals served.

As of June 28, Loretta Cruz, Nutrition Site Manager was transferred to Baldwin Park Senior Center. On July 5th, Claudia Camacho, the new Nutrition Site Manager began training.

Beaddles cafeteria will no longer provide meals due to serious health concerns found by Los Angeles County Health Department inspectors. As of July 3, NDK Catering resumed meal service. Staff expressed that the volunteers should be commended for their dedication to the nutrition program and have been very cooperative.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in May and June.

May 3	Senior Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
May 4	Excursion – Spring Surprise
May 5	Chuckwagon Social – Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 6	Seasonal Event – 90+ Birthday Celebrations
May 12	Seasonal Event – 80+ Birthday Celebration
May 15	Chuckwagon Social – Mothers’ Day
May 16-18	Excursion – Laughlin, NV and Oatman, AZ (3 Day)
May 17	Older American Recognition Day
May 20	Relay for Life at Bonelli Park
May 24	Excursion – Lawry’s Prime Rib and Museum of Radio and TV
May 31	Seminar – Home Gardening Class
June 2	Seminar – CPR Training & Certification
June 7	Excursion – Santa Barbara Wharf
June 9	Screening – DermaScan: Skin Health & Beauty
June 11	Excursion – Lawrence Welk Resort
June 19	Chuckwagon Social – Fathers’ Day
June 21	Excursion – Joshua Tree Desert in Bloom
June 23	Senior Dinner Social – “Hawaiian Hullabaloo”
June 30	Chuckwagon Social – Summer Bash

Upcoming events and activities include:

July 3	Chuckwagon Social – Stars & Stripes
July 6	Excursion – “King & I” Glendale Centre Theatre
July 26	Excursion – Agua Caliente
July 28	Senior Event – “Spanish Eyes” Senior Prom
July 27	Excursion – Summer Surprise
August 2	Excursion – Agua Caliente
August 10	Intergenerational Event – Tea & Talent Show
August 11	Excursion – Summer Surprise
August 16	Excursion – Catalina Cruise
August 18	Senior Event – Italian Nights Dinner
August 22	Chuckwagon Social – National Clown Month Ice Cream Social
August 24	Excursion – Laguna Pageant of the Masters

C. **Miscellaneous**

Staff announced that a chair exercise class will be offered from 10:00–10:45 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room to encourage fitness in conjunction with the nutrition program.

Staff highlighted the increase in participation for the Home Gardening and China Painting classes.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2006-2007

COMMISSIONER KEPHART NOMINATED COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS FOR COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PACE, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER SHORT NOMINATED COMMISSIONER KEPHART FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEVENSON, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff detailed the function of the Commission Foundation Accounts and shared that the dishwasher was the last item purchased.

Staff reported that the current Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$2,521.27. The Certificate of Deposit account matured June 30, 2006 and the current balance is \$5,596.89. Staff recommended allowing the Certificate of Deposit to roll-over for another six month term at an interest rate of 3.826%. Staff has no recommendations for expenditures from the account at this time.

Currently the accounts are held at Pomona First Federal Bank. Commissioners discussed the benefits of changing banking locations for the Commission Foundation accounts in order to receive a better interest rate.

COMMISSIONER BURLAND MOVED TO LEAVE THE ACCOUNT AT POMONA FIRST FEDERAL AND TRY TO NEGOTIATE A BETTER RATE AT THE NEXT ACCOUNT MATURITY DATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NELSON, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMISSION SPONSORSHIP OF MORONEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Councilmember Bertone shared that Commissioner Williams recommended that the Senior Citizens Commission sponsor the Senior Center rental for John Moroney’s Celebration of Life Memorial Service.

Commissioner Nelson expressed her concern with setting a precedent for future situations and asked how the Commission’s sponsorship would be accomplished and if that had been done before. Staff responded that the facility rental fees would be paid from a City fund established for the support of community events or organizations, and that a facility rental fee for a private rental had not been waived or City sponsored prior to this request. The recommendation of the Commission to sponsor the event will be taken to the City Council for final approval.

Councilmember Bertone stated that “setting a precedent” would not be a concern because John Moroney was an active commissioner and if other Commissions felt the same about any of their members they should be able to do the same.

Commissioner Jay Pace stated that she was in favor since it “would be to pay tribute to a great man.”

COMMISSIONER NELSON MOVED TO SUPPORT THE SPONSORSHIP OF JOHN MORONEY’S TRIBUTE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BURLAND, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Staff presented information on the Homeowners & Renters Assistance Program (HRA) and encouraged Commissioners to promote the program within their neighborhoods or mobile home parks to benefit the seniors in the community.

Staff reported on the Phones for Life program. Staff stated that the program provides eligible participants with a free cell phone for emergency situations. The phones are programmed to call 9-1-1 at no cost and are equipped with 100 free minutes to be used to contact relatives in case of emergency. The phones are provided at no cost and participants are not required to enter a cellular service contract. Staff stated that forms will be made available at the Senior Citizen/Community Center for anyone interested.

Staff asked Commissioners to select a host site for the September Commission meeting. After a brief discussion, the Commission selected Royal Mobile Home Park. Commissioner Stevenson will secure location and staff will coordinate publicity.

Staff stated Music in the Park began on Wednesday, June 28. A Farmer’s Market was held in conjunction with Music in the Park beginning July 5 and continuing through August 30. The Farmer’s Market will feature produce items including fruits, vegetables and flowers. Councilmember Bertone explained that the original Farmer’s Market was cancelled due to lack of liability insurance. However, since the City is co-sponsoring Music in the Park, Farmer’s Market will be covered under the City’s liability coverage.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone encouraged everyone to share information during the commission meeting and share concerns and suggestions.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the City of San Dimas is in great financial shape because the City Manager does not spend any money until it is received.

Councilmember Bertone stated that NJD owns land in Glendora and San Dimas and is interested in creating a golf course. A ballot initiative in Glendora is being attempted to bypass the Glendora City Council. He stated that this will be closely watched since the property includes San Dimas.

Councilmember Bertone invited everyone to participate in the National Night Out on August 1, 2006.

Councilmember Bertone stated that staff was added to enforce overnight parking.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Short stated that the house at 328 W. 5th Street has a lot of tall dry weeds and that the new trees planted on Forth Street drop sap on the cars. Staff stated that a reforestation project was recently completed.

Commissioner Pace reported that the attendance during the Intervale Senior Services lunch program is diminishing.

Commissioner Nelson stated that she was delighted to be part of the Senior Citizens Commission.

Commissioner Kephart stated her concern with the Home Owners & Renters Assistance Program appointment schedule, pointing out that all appointments were held in the afternoon. Staff stated that appointments are scheduled in the afternoon to avoid an impact on parking during the busy morning hours; however, volunteers and staff are available to assist participants in the morning as needed.

Commissioner Burland shared an earthquake book with staff for emergency preparedness. Councilmember Bertone requested to have emergency preparedness information available at the next Senior Citizens Commission meeting.

Commissioner Brown requested a list of Commissioners. Staff had a list available. Commissioner Brown stated that she looks forward to serving on the Senior Citizens Commission.

Commissioner Stevenson is interested in recruiting more cribbage players.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to September 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Mobile Home Park.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator