

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, March 1, 2007
San Dimas Senior Citizen Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Lorous "Connie" Brown
 Doris Burland
 Bee Dallas
 Judy Kephart, Vice Chairperson
 Marguerite Nelson
 Jay Pace
 Prudence Short
 Don Stevenson
 Joanne Williams, Chairperson

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

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

No audience present during meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2007 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2007, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALLAS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report noting an increase in meals served during the Chuckwagon Lunch Program.

Staff reported that the annual 90+ Birthday Celebrations will be held on Saturday, May 5. Staff confirmed Commission participation. Commissioners Kephart and Short will volunteer at 10:00 a.m. at San Dimas Retirement Center; Commissioners Brown, Dallas, Nelson and Williams will volunteer at 2:00 p.m. at Rancho Park Villa and Commissioners Burland, Kephart and Short will volunteer at 2:00 p.m. at Sunrise Brighton Gardens.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in January and February.

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| January 10 | Excursion – Fantasy Springs Casino |
| January 24 | Chuckwagon Social – Chinese New Year |
| January 26 | Senior Dinner Social – Cruise Ship Cabaret |
| February 2 | Senior Dinner Social – Music of the Night Candlelight Dinner |
| February 14 | Chuckwagon Social – Cupcake Social |
| February 17 | Excursion – Fiddler on the Roof |
| February 20 | Chuckwagon Social – African-American Heritage Month |
| February 22 | Excursion – Huntington Library Tea & Tour |

Upcoming events and activities include:

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| March 10 | Senior Social – Talent Showcase in La Verne |
| March 15 | Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Party for St. Patrick’s Day |
| March 16 | Excursion – Song of Broadway |
| March 16 | Senior Dinner Social – Leprechaun Madness |
| March 17 | Excursion – Irish Dancers |
| March 29 | Excursion – Santa Anita Race Track |
| April 5 | Senior Social – Bunko Bonanza |
| April 11 | Excursion – Spring Surprise |
| April 13 | Senior Dinner Social – Viva Las Vegas Casino Night |
| April 18 | Excursion – San Diego Amphibious Tour |
| April 20 | Chuckwagon Social – Spring Ice Cream Social |
| April 22 | Excursion – Getty Villa |
| April 24 | Seminar – CTAP Presentation |
| April 27 | Senior Social – Festival of Arts Sneak Peek |

C. Miscellaneous

Staff reported that all gas stations participating in the Super Service Station gas-pumping program are pleased with their participation. Many commented that they believe this service is valuable for seniors. Commissioners Short, Kephart and Williams shared personal experiences they had with the Super Service Station program.

SELECTION OF 2007 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE

The Los Angeles County Older American Honoree event will be held on Wednesday, May 16. Staff stated that the location is unknown. Staff reviewed the criteria for the Older American Honoree Award and presented the nominations that were received. After review a motion was made to recommend a nominee to City Council as Older American Honoree.

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO RECOMMEND MERLE "MATT" MATZENBACHER AS THE 2007 OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STEVENSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Staff reported that it is not possible to add an accessible ramp on the Iglesia Street entrance to the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center; however, an automatic door is budgeted for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

Staff reported that service terms for Commissioners Burland, Dallas and Williams will expire in May 2007. Commissioner Dallas will complete John Moroney's unexpired term and agreed to continue on the Commission. Commissioners Burland and Williams will have completed their three terms of service and will not be eligible for reappointment. Staff will provide coffee and cake during the May Commission meeting in honor of their service. Staff stated that Senior Commission recruitment will begin in April and that any interested individuals may contact the City Clerk.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone reminded Commissioners to vote on Tuesday.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Fox Project features 110 housing units and business.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Farmers' Market is on the verge of returning to San Dimas. He stated that the approval process is lengthy.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the San Dimas City Council is considering a phone system that contacts residents to notify them in case of emergencies.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Costco Project was approved.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Walker House renovation began and it is expected to be completed in 12 to 18 months.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Iglesia Street and Bonita Avenue intersection will be reviewed to identify any needed changes or improvements. Commissioners Pace and Stevenson expressed concerns for pedestrians.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Pace stated that Chuckwagon Nutrition Lunch Program attendance is increasing.

Commissioner Nelson stated her delight with progress made to install an automatic door at the Iglesia Street entrance to the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Commissioner Dallas stated her concern that Get-About would not pick up a passenger (without appointment) who lives in the same building as another senior (with appointment). After discussion, staff stated that each passenger pick up requires an appointment. In addition, the passenger requested to stop at a store on the way, which is not allowed, since that would be considered a separate stop.

Commissioner Short stated that the house on the corner of San Dimas Avenue and Sixth Street is looking very nice and clean.

Commissioner Kephart stated that the home on Fifth Street is being cleaned up.

Commissioner Stevenson suggested that a crosswalk be added on Bonita Avenue in front of the Albertsons supermarket. Councilmember Bertone stated that streetlights and cross walks are governed by warrants which dictate the guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to May 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator