

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, July 5, 2007
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kephart at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

 Denis Bertone, City Councilmember
 Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
 Erica Rodriguez, Senior Citizen Services Coordinator

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2007 MEETING

COMMISSIONER STEVENSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 3, 2007, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHORT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Center usage and comparison report noting that the Chuckwagon nutrition program attendance continues to increase. Staff reported that the attendance decrease in Mt. San Antonio College sponsored courses was due to a two-week break in June.

As directed by the Senior Citizen Commission, staff contacted all the bandleaders for the Wednesday Night Ballroom Dances. All five bandleaders stated that the floor is the primary reason for the decrease in attendance. Many stated that they would prefer to have a wooden floor; Claremont and Pomona were given as examples. Four of the five bandleaders stated that they felt the upcoming Music in the Park concerts would create a parking problem.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in May and June.

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| May 5 | Seasonal Event – 90+ Birthday Celebrations |
| May 10 | Excursion – Colorful Songs of Broadway |
| May 11 | Seasonal Event – Birthday Buddies |
| May 14 | Chuckwagon Social – Mothers’ Day |
| May 15-17 | Excursion – Laughlin, NV and Oatman, AZ (3 Day) |
| May 23 | Senior Volunteer Recognition Luncheon |
| May 25 | Excursion – Thornton Winery |
| May 30 | Older American Recognition Day |
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| June 2 | Relay for Life at Horsethief Canyon Park |
| June 6 | Excursion – Lawrence Welk Resort |
| June 15 | Senior Event – Hawaiian Luau |
| June 18 | Chuckwagon Social – Fathers’ Day |
| June 21 | Excursion – Santa Barbara Wharf |
| June 28 | Excursion – Pala Casino |

Upcoming events and activities include:

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| July 6 | Senior Event – Summer BBQ Bash |
| July 13 | Chuckwagon Social – Ice Cream Social |
| July 18 | Excursion – Pageant of the Masters |
| July 20 | Senior Event – Senior Prom |
| July 22 | Excursion – Catalina Cruise |
| July 23 | Chuckwagon Social – Ice Cream Social |
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| August 10 | Award Show Dinner |
| August 14-23 | Western Frontier |
| August 23 | Intergenerational Talent Show |
| August 24 | Bunko |

C. Miscellaneous

Staff reported that Commissioner Kephart will lead the Round-Up Gang and future site visits will be scheduled for September and October.

Staff stated that appointments for the Home Renters Assistance (HRA) Program will begin on July 9. The HRA Program is a State funded rebate program for seniors 60 and over with a maximum income of \$40,770. Appointments are available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at various times.

Staff report that the Super Service Station gas pumping program has 59 registered participants. Staff noted that the program will be added to the Frontier Newsletter.

Staff stated that the Flu Shot Clinic will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14 at the Community Building. Staff encouraged Commissioners to participate and inform their neighbors and friends.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2007-2008

Staff reviewed that annually at the July meeting the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Commission need to be selected.

COMMISSIONER SHORT NOMINATED COMMISSIONER KEPHART AS SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER KEPHART NOMINATED COMMISSIONER SHORT AS SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEVENSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff reported that the current Senior Citizen Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$2,533.91. The Certificate of Deposit account matured on July 2, 2007 and the current balance is \$5,830.58. Staff has no recommendations for expenditures from the account at this time.

As directed by the Senior Citizen Commission, staff contacted Pomona First Federal bank on June 22 to negotiate the Certificate of Deposit rate to provide a rate comparable to Downey Savings. The Certificate of Deposit was renewed at 4.9% Annual Percentage Yield and 5.021% Annual Percentage Rate with Pomona First Federal bank for a 6-month term.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Staff reported that the Music in the Park concert series began on June 27. Staff also invited Commissioners to attend the Movies in the Park on August 17 and August 29.

Staff encouraged Commissioners to inform neighbors and friends that the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center is a Cooling Center. Seniors may get away from the heat and enjoy reading, lunch or any of the activities offered.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone reported that there was a follow up to Commissioners Shorts concerns about some properties of Fourth Street. Code Enforcement contacted the property owners. Commissioner Short stated that one of the properties installed a new sprinkler system, but the others have not shown improvement.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Sheriff Departments Trauma Center helicopter will be moving from the San Dimas Station to Brackett Field on November 1.

Councilmember Bertone discussed the tentative plans presented by Summit House Restaurant for a project at the corner of Bonita Avenue and Cataract Avenue. He also presented the illustrations submitted by Costco and stated that the tentative grand opening is scheduled for mid-December.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Pace attended the Chuckwagon Lunch Program and stated that they ran out of food the day she attended. Staff stated that Claudia Camacho, the Nutrition Program Site Manager, purchased chicken to complete the meals. Staff stated that meals are ordered based on the reservations received.

Commissioner Short stated she was pleased to see that properties on Fourth Street and Fifth Street were looking better.

Commissioner Brown complimented the City. She stated that although it is difficult when the streets are being repaired, the City looks beautiful with the newly paved roads. Commissioner Brown suggested that staff provide a list of upcoming senior events to the Commission.

Commissioner Stevenson stated that the pinochle club is doing great but the cribbage group still needs members.

Commissioner Nelson announced to the Commission that she will be moving to Idaho. She expressed her appreciation and pleasure serving on the Commission. She stated that she will miss the activities hosted by the City of San Dimas and her friends at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Commissioner Kephart stated that Verizon left large repair patches in the street by her home. In response to a concern expressed last meeting, she reported that her friend no longer has a problem with smoke from their neighbors' home. Commissioner Kephart commented that she is thrilled with the return of the Farmers' Market, but suggested that chairs be added at both extremes of the Market to assist those who have difficulty walking. Commissioner Dallas stated that she has a walker and utilizes the seating area currently available.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kephart suggested that the September meeting be held at the San Dimas Retirement Center. After reviewing the sites previously visited, the Commission agreed to host the September meeting at San Dimas Retirement Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. to September 6, 2007 at the San Dimas Retirement Center.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator