

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, September 6, 2007
San Dimas Retirement Center
834 W. Arrow Highway

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kephart at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Lorous "Connie" Brown
 Bee Dallas
 Paul Hernandez
 Judy Kephart, Chairperson
 Jay Pace
 Alta Skinner
 Robbie Williams

 John Ebner, City Councilmember
 Theresa Bruns, Director of Parks & Recreation
 Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
 Erica Rodriguez, Senior Citizen Services Coordinator

Absent: Prudie Short, excused
 Don Stevenson, unexcused

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS AND PROVIDE COMMISSION OVERVIEW

Commissioners and staff introduced themselves to the audience. Commissioners Hernandez, Skinner and Williams were welcomed to the Senior Citizen Commission. Chairperson Kephart provided a brief overview of the Senior Citizen Commission's activities and purpose.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2007 MEETING

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 5, 2007, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALLAS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Center usage and comparison report. Staff informed audience members that attendance records are kept for all programs offered at the Senior Citizen/Community Center for review by the Senior Citizen Commission.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in July and August.

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
August 10	Senior Event - Award Show Dinner
August 14-23	Excursion - Western Frontier
August 23	Seasonal Event - Intergenerational Talent Show
August 24	Seasonal Event - Bunko

Upcoming events and activities include:

September 5	Excursion – Mystery Casino
September 13	Excursion – Colorful Songs of Broadway
September 14	Seasonal Event - San Dimas Day at the Fair
September 21	Senior Event – Fall Fiesta
September 23	Excursion – Day in Solvang
September 26	Chuckwagon Social – School Days
September 29	Seasonal Event – Family Fitness Festival
October 10	Chuckwagon Social – Ocean Blue Social
October 15-24	Excursion - Acapulco
October 26	Senior Event – Haunted Costume Dinner
October 27	Excursion – Oktoberfest

C. Miscellaneous

Staff encouraged the audience and Commissioners to promote the Super Service Station gas-pumping program. The program is intended for San Dimas residents age 50 and over who are in need of assistance with pumping gas, measuring tire pressure and oil levels. Currently, seven service stations participate in the program.

Staff invited the audience members to attend the Round-Up at the San Dimas Retirement Center on September 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Staff invited Commissioners to participate in the 29th Annual 5K Run and One Mile Family Fun Run on Saturday, September 29 at the Civic Center followed by a nutritious breakfast.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Ebner encouraged everyone to contact the Senior Citizen/Community Center staff with questions. He stated that the friendly staff is ready to help with anything.

Councilmember Ebner invited audience to attend the Farmers' Market every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Bonita Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Iglesia Street.

Councilmember Ebner announced that the City Council passed a no smoking in public parks or facilities ordinance.

Councilmember Ebner stated that the Costco Grand Opening is tentatively scheduled for February 2008.

Councilmember Ebner announced that the Walker House Project received a \$677,000 grant for cultural and historical restorations.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Pace invited everyone to attend the Chuckwagon Dinner Program held every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. She stated that the food is delicious and it often includes entertainment. Commissioner Pace also encouraged everyone to take part in the chair exercise class held prior to the Chuckwagon Lunch Program in the multi-purpose room.

Commissioner Skinner invited everyone to attend the San Dimas Day at the Fair on Friday, September 14. The day will include an information fair, community parade, horserace and many more activities. She thanked the audience for hosting the meeting.

Commissioner Hernandez shared his ideas to help seniors and people with disabilities. He would like to promote programs offering technological assistance and free cellular phones.

Commissioner Brown shared an article from the AARP Newspaper regarding safe crosswalks. She suggested having flags to help pedestrians cross at the Iglesia Street/Bonita Avenue intersection. Commissioner Kephart stated that this concept was previously considered.

Commissioner Kephart shared that on August 14 at approximately 7:00 a.m., several Sheriff's vehicles were parked outside of Starbucks and she is concerned that it is not appropriate.

Commissioner Kephart stated that many Sunnyside residents are concerned with the \$300.00 rent increase. She stated that many residents are upset with the increase since the gate is not working, parking is not monitored and the laundry rooms are in disrepair. She stated that the gazebo has a dangerous large post exposed. Councilmember Ebner stated that he will look into the matter and directed staff to report to Diana Kasuyama, San Dimas Housing Director.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

An audience member stated that she was very interested in participating in the chair exercise program.

Ms. Patti Buri, San Dimas Retirement Center Director, expressed concerns with the Arrow Highway and Maimone Avenue crosswalk leading to the shopping center. She stated that the 5:00 p.m. traffic congests the intersection and many San Dimas Retirement Center residents have fallen trying to rush across. Staff will notify the Public Works Department.

An audience member asked for assistance for help with scooter repair. Commissioner Kephart directed her to the Ombudsman Program for assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. to November 1, 2007 at the San Dimas Senior/Citizen Community Center.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator