

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kephart at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:       Lorous “Connie” Brown  
                  Bee Dallas  
                  Paul Hernandez  
                  Judy Kephart, Chairperson  
                  Prudie Short  
                  Don Stevenson

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

Absent:       Jay Pace, unexcused  
                  Alta Skinner, unexcused  
                  Robbie Williams, unexcused

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING**

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 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. Staff presented a summary report for all programs offered at the Senior Citizen/Community Center for review by the Senior Citizen Commission.

Staff presented a summary of the 50 senior programs provided at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center from July to September 2007. The following was presented:

- Life-Long Learning Programs – 1298 total participants and approximately 99 participants per week.
- Fitness Programs: 2331 total participants and approximately 179 participants per week.
- Arts & Crafts Programs – 1607 total participants and approximately 123 participants per week.
- Social Programs – 4159 total participants and approximately (including bingo) 319 participants per week.
- Recreation/Social Service Programs – 4550 total participants and approximately 350 participants per week.

Staff noted that approximately 1072 seniors per week visit the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center to participate in scheduled classes and programs.

## **B. Programs and Activities**

Staff reviewed the following programs held in September and October:

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

Upcoming events and activities include:

November 2	Excursion – Las Brisas
November 5	Chuckwagon Social – Veterans’ Celebration
November 7	Excursion – Day in Julian
November 14	Seasonal Event – Flu Shots
November 16	Senior Event – Thanksgiving Feast
November 28	Excursion – Griffith Observatory
November 29	Excursion – Griffith Observatory
December 3	Seasonal Event – Holiday Open House
December 6	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Party
December 9	Community Event – HolidayFest
December 14	Senior Event – Holiday Dinner
December 15	Excursion – Huntington Harbour Cruise of Lights
December 19	Excursion – Welk Resort “White Christmas”
December 21	Community Event – Santa’s Hayride at Horsethief Canyon Park

## **C. Miscellaneous**

Staff discussed the flu shot event to be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Building. There will also be a mini-information fair. Inter Valley Health Plan will be offering free bone density screenings; various agencies will be providing treats and coffee. Volunteers are always welcomed.

Commissioners were invited to attend the Senior Center Holiday Open House to be held on Monday, December 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be delicious treats and a healthy breakfast featuring an oatmeal bar.

## **REPORT ON SENIOR HOUSING**

In response to the Commission's concerns regarding rent increases at Sunnyside Apartments, Diana Kasuyama, Housing Programs Manager presented information on Section 8 income guidelines and the Mobile Home Park Accord. She reviewed how low and moderate rent rates are determined, and she reviewed the details of the Mobile Home Park Accord that determines rent increases.

Commissioner Kephart shared that during her volunteer work with the Home Renters Assistance Program (HRA), many participants stated that the rent increases are forcing them to leave San Dimas and move into assisted living facilities. The lack of maintenance is also a concern for many residents.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION QUARTERLY FOUNDTION FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported that the current Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$2,537.14. The Certificate of Deposit account will mature on December 22, 2007 and the current balance is \$5,903.04. Staff had no recommendations for expenditures from the account at this time.

Staff reported that Pomona First Federal bank is interested in matching a higher certificate of deposit interest rate.

COMMISSIONER STEVENSON MOVED THAT STAFF RENEW THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS UPON NEGOTIATING A NEW RATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALLAS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Staff**

Staff stated that they will look into services provided by local cities. Staff also encouraged Commissioners to contact Community Senior Services (CSS) for services, assistance and access to the Change-a-Life grant.

Staff stated that City Council will review the intersection at Bonita Avenue and Iglesia Street for pedestrian safety issues at the Council Retreat on November 3.

Staff stated that they are currently accepting bids for the automation of the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center entrance from Iglesia Street.

**B. City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Bertone stated that the City Council is hosting a Council retreat to discuss issues of interests such as: the role of the Municipal Arborist; the Walker House project; the Bonita Avenue and Iglesia Avenue intersection; future development at the Canyon Center; the Blue Line and other topics.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Summit House project was cancelled.

**C. Members of the Commission**

Commissioner Kephart inquired regarding the San Dimas Retirement Center crosswalk at Maimone Avenue. She had expressed concerns during the September Commission meeting. Staff stated that the concern was forward to Public Works and information would be presented during the January meeting. Commissioner Kephart reviewed her previous report that the Sheriffs congregate at Starbucks. She stated that their presence at Starbucks may appear inappropriate. Staff responded that her observations were forwarded to the Sheriffs Department.

Commissioner Hernandez inquired regarding the “Reverse 911” program. Councilmember Bertone and staff stated that they are working with the County Sheriffs Department as well as a City run program. It is estimated that in 15 minutes the entire City can be contacted.

Commissioner Dallas reported that she will be planting trees on November 17 with the Branch Hands at Civic Center Park and Horsethief Canyon Park.

Commissioner Short shared her photographs of an intersection in Utah utilizing the flag system at a crosswalk. Staff stated that in California such a system it is not a state approved program.

Commissioner Brown also reviewed the article regarding the crosswalk and stated that she is pleased that the City Council will be discussing the crosswalk during the retreat.

Commissioner Stevenson stated that he has not received any new cribbage players but Pinochle has increased and added a new group on Mondays.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. to January 3, 2008 at the San Dimas Senior/Citizen Community Center.

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Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator