

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, May 1, 2008
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kephart at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Lorous "Connie" Brown
Bee Dallas
Judy Kephart, Chairperson
Jay Pace
Prudie Short
Alta Skinner
Don Stevenson
Robbie Williams

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

Absent: Paul Hernandez, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Short brought a resident interested in observing the Commission. She expressed interest in volunteering on a Commission in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2008 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER SKINNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2008, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEVENSON 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 that the Chuckwagon Lunch program continues to be successful. Staff acknowledged the support of Sunnyside Apartments, San Dimas Retirement Community and Atria Rancho Park, which provide special treats during the Chuckwagon socials.

Staff highlighted the Chair Exercise program, which had 35 participants last week. Staff recognized the support of volunteers involved with event preparations and event promotion.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs to be held in March and April:

March 1	Round-Up Gang Social – Cienega Valley Mobile Estates
March 13	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
March 15	Citywide Event – Family Festival
March 16	Excursion – La Mirada “Magic of Ireland”
March 28	Senior Dinner Social – Giddy in Green Dinner
March 30	Excursion – Flower Fields in Carlsbad
March 31	Chuckwagon Social – March Birthday Social
April 5	Seasonal Event – Senior Talent Showcase in Diamond Bar
April 10	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour Dinner Social *NEW*
April 12	Outdoor Adventures – Tree Travels
April 18	Senior Dinner Social – April Showers
April 19	Excursion – Lake Arrowhead
April 25	Seasonal Event – Festival of Arts Sneak Peek
April 26	Excursion – Palms Springs Tour
April 28	Seasonal Event – Bunko Social
April 28	Chuckwagon Social – April Birthday Social
April 30	Chuckwagon Social – Lunch at the Derby Ice Cream Social

Upcoming events and activities include:

May 3	Seasonal Event – 90+ Birthday Celebrations
May 8	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour Dinner Social
May 9	Seasonal Event – Birthday Buddies
May 10	Outdoor Adventures – Bird Walk
May 12	Chuckwagon Social – Mothers’ Day After Party
May 14	Seasonal Event – Volunteer Recognition
May 19	Chuckwagon Social – May Birthday Social
May 21-22	Excursion – Buffao Bill’s Casino (2 Day)
May 23	Senior Event – Friendship Tea Party
May 31	Excursion – Day in Big Bear
June 12	Excursion – Pala Casino (Bus #1 & 2)
June 12	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour Dinner Social
June 16	Chuckwagon Social – Fathers’ Day After Party
June 18	Excursion – Pala Casino (Bus #3)
June 20	Senior Event – Luau Dinner
June 21	Outdoor Adventures – Family Hiking Adventure at Bonelli Park
June 27	Seasonal Event – Anniversary Open House
June 28	Excursion – Day in Ventura
June 30	Chuckwagon Social – June Birthday Social

C. Miscellaneous

Staff reported that the 90+ Birthday Celebrations will be hosted on Saturday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. at San Dimas Retirement Center and at 2:00 p.m. at Atria Rancho Park and Sunrise Brighton Gardens. Staff encouraged Commissioners to attend the 90+ Birthday Celebrations to honor the almost 200 participants and their families.

Staff reported that ghostwriter "Amanda" will no longer be able to write the "65 Plus or Minus" column for the "SilverTimes" due to medical reasons. Staff stated that Peg Nelson, former Commissioner, will be writing the new column, "C.C.'s Comments on the Human Condition".

Staff reminded all Commissioners that the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at Atria Rancho Park.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff reported that the current balance for the Commission Foundation Money Market account is \$2,543.22. The Certificate of Deposit account will mature on June 19, 2008 and the current balance is \$6,039.11. Staff has no recommendations for expenditures from the account at this time.

Staff reported that although Downey Savings is offering a higher interest rate, the difference is approximately a \$10.00 return after a six-month term. Therefore, staff recommends keeping the current accounts with Pomona First Federal Bank, which is interested in matching a higher certificate of deposit interest rate.

COMMISSIONER DALLAS MOVED THAT STAFF RENEW THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS AT POMONA FIRST FEDERAL BANK UPON NEGOTIATING A NEW RATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKINNER AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Staff reported that Maria Ybarra was officially selected by the City Council as the Older American Honoree and will be honored on Friday, May 23 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. Commissioners Kephart, Short and Pace expressed interest in attending the luncheon should space be available.

Staff stated that the current Commission terms for Commissioners Kephart, Short, Brown, Stevenson and Pace will expire at the end of the month. All Commissioners are eligible for reappointment and elected to continue another two-year term.

Staff announced that Betty Gable passed away. She was married to Ed Gable, a long time resident, former Senior Citizen Commissioner and City supporter. Staff reported that her services will be held on Monday, May 5 at Forest Lawn.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone announced that the San Dimas Sheriff Station was rated #1 in the world.

Councilmember Bertone invited all Commissioners to attend the Costco VIP Reception on May 15.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the City Council will review the proposed development at Bonita Avenue and San Dimas Canyon Road. The developer is proposing 122 apartments and retail space. Councilmember Bertone displayed artists renderings of the proposed development.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Brown stated that she has noticed that two of the security lights at the SportsPlex have not been on at 5:00 a.m. Staff will follow-up. Commissioner Brown reported that the house and yard at 562 Valley Center looks abandoned and unattended. Staff suggested that Commissioner Brown contact Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Kephart reported that the overgrown weeds at the house on 5th Street are now dried and a fire hazard. Staff suggested she contact Code Enforcement. Commissioner Kephart stated that she found a lit cigarette on the bench outside the north entrance. Staff stated that a comprehensive sign study is underway.

Commissioner Skinner reported that the Festival of Arts was successful. The storytelling program had standing room only. She stated that this program was especially successful because it highlights various generations. The Fairplex donated a trolley to downtown and the antique shops reported great sales.

Commissioner Stevenson stated that the Bingo Board increased the payout by \$10.00 per game. He stated that a new cribbage player attended and the other players welcomed him and encouraged him to come back by letting him win a few games.

Commissioner Pace reported that the Thursday night dinners are excellent and that you can hear the laughter down the hall. She stated that it is a wonderful program because it promotes socialization.

Commissioner Williams thanked the City for having a wonderful place to help seniors. She commented that so many are lonely and it is great to have a place where they can make friends.

Commissioner Dallas encouraged everyone to participate in the Relay For Life scheduled for June 7 and 8 at Horsethief Canyon Park.

Commissioner Short reported that the Farmer's Market is wonderful and has a great variety of fruits and vegetables. She invited all Commissioners to attend and take advantage of the fresh fish and great deals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. to July 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator