

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, January 8, 2009
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Lorous "Connie" Brown
Paul Hernandez
Judy Kephart, Chairperson
Jay Pace
Prudie Short
Alta Skinner
Don Stevenson

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

Absent: Bee Dallas, excused
Robbie Williams, unexcused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

None in attendance

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

COMMISSIONER SKINNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PACE 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 Mt. San Antonio College sponsored classes had one full week of vacation in November and December. It should be noted that the exercise programs are up in attendance.

Staff reported that Community Senior Services received a grant to provide 120 Emergency Kits to shut-in seniors. The City of San Dimas will receive 30 kits. Managers from Lone Hill Manor Mobile Homes,

Sunnyside Apartments and Royal Mobile Home Park each identified ten seniors who will receive a free emergency kit. Staff invited Commissioners to participate in the emergency kit distribution at Sunnyside Apartments to be scheduled by the Manager for the week of January 20.

Commissioner Skinner suggested contacting Voorhees Apartments to identify the number of seniors that may reside there and benefit from information, programs and services offered at Senior Citizen/Community Center.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in November and December:

November 5	Seasonal Event – Flu Shot Clinic
November 6	Excursion – Harrah’s Casino
November 10	Chuckwagon Social – Veterans’ Celebration
November 13	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
November 14	Senior Event – Thanksgiving Feast
November 15	Excursion – Day in Julian
November 20	Excursion – Taste Bud Overload
November 22	Outdoor Adventure – Wildlife Appreciation Hike
November 24	Seasonal Event – Bunko Social
November 24	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
December 5	Senior Event – Holiday Dinner
December 10	Excursion – Holiday Lights
December 11	Excursion – Holiday Lights
December 13	Community Event – HolidayFest
December 17	Excursion – Rancho Cucamonga Wine Tasting
December 19	Community Event – Santa’s Hayride at Horsethief Canyon Park
December 29	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
December 30	Chuckwagon Social – New Year’s Social

Upcoming events and activities include:

January 7	Excursion – San Manuel Casino (2 buses)
January 8	Chuckwagon Social – Hot Chocolate Bar
January 8	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
January 17	Excursion – Whale Watching
January 23	Senior Dinner Social – 50’s Sock Hop
January 31	Excursion – Newport Harbor Cruise
February 12	Chuckwagon Social – Achey Breaky Valentines
February 12	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
February 13	Excursion – Gondola Getaway
February 18	Excursion – Date Festival in Indio
February 20	Senior Dinner Social – Mardi Gras Dinner
February 26	Seasonal Event – Bunko Social

C. Miscellaneous

Staff reported that WISE Senior Services reduced staff working at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center due to budget cuts. Councilmember Bertone suggested looking into programs that may need additional funding by the City of San Dimas.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff reported that the current Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$2,851.28. The Certificate of Deposit account balance is \$6,189.35 which matured on December 23, 2008. There are currently no recommendations for expenditures from the account. Staff reported that a donor wall donation in the amount of \$150 was received and is reflected in the current balance.

Staff stated that as requested by the Commission, staff visited Pomona First Federal Bank upon maturity of the Certificate of Deposit to review the rates offered at Pomona First Federal. The Certificate of Deposit was renewed for eight months and the account will mature on August 20, 2009 at an Annual Percentage Yield of 2.35% and an Annual Percentage Rate of 2.323%. Staff verified that the money available in the Money Market account was sufficient to avoid penalty fees in case of an emergency. Staff confirmed that Pomona First Federal Bank was purchased by US Bank.

REVIEW OF PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF 2009 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE

Staff reported that the Older American Honoree represents the City of San Dimas at the Older American Recognition Day celebration sponsored by Los Angeles County; during Western Days, sponsored by the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce; and during San Dimas Day at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Seniors are nominated by their peers for their volunteer service for City of San Dimas senior programs. The Commission reviewed the nomination application and past honorees.

The Commission approved the nomination process. Staff will promote the Older American Honoree nomination process during the San Dimas Senior Citizens Club meetings, during the Chuckwagon Nutrition Programs, in the *SilverTimes* monthly newsletter and all other regular media releases. Forms will be available on Monday, January 12 at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and at City Hall and must be returned by Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Staff stated that the new Senior Citizens' Club Executive Board members were installed on Tuesday, January 6. Staff stated that the new board is excited about their upcoming year of service. Staff will contact the San Dimas Senior Citizens Club Treasurer, Linda Groth, to present a Donations Report at the upcoming March Commission meeting.

Staff invited Commissioners to the 36th Annual City Recognition Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 31 at the San Dimas Canyon Golf Course.

Staff stated that Active.net, the registration program currently used by the San Dimas Parks & Recreation Department, is being reviewed to analyze current data by age, income and other demographics. Staff reported the results of an initial Older Adult market analysis. Staff is currently gathering additional data regarding type of participation, participant interests, geographic location, gender/age correlations and household income. The findings will assist in the development of market specific promotions and ensure that staff continues to provide the services needed. The findings may also assist in uncovering new trends and population needs currently unknown.

Councilmember Bertone suggested identifying the demographics for seniors with an income under \$25,000 per year. Commissioner Skinner suggested identifying the number of seniors in San Dimas who are raising their grandchildren. She stressed the importance of socialization for older adults. Commissioner Skinner suggested having surveys available at the San Dimas High School Saints Bingo. Doug Schultz and Jess Peña are the Saints Bingo Coordinators at San Dimas High School every Saturday.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone reported that the State took approximately \$.5 million in Redevelopment Agency Funds. He stated that the City of San Dimas is financially solvent, however, the economy has affected the Bonita Avenue and San Dimas Canyon Road project with the withdrawal of Walgreens Pharmacy. Fresh & Easy is still expected to open.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Walker House project is expected to be completed by the end of January. Saffron Restaurant should be in operation in April or May. The community agencies that will occupy space in the Walker House include the Historical Society, Rodeo and the Festival of Arts. Admission to the Walker House is free.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the City Hall Expansion Project proposal will double the available space at City Hall. He stated that the current size of City Hall is not sufficient to meet the needs for staff to conduct business. The expansion would include a second level for portions of City Hall and is estimated at \$10 Million.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the traffic signal light on the corner of Bonita Avenue and Iglesia Street will be operational in the next few weeks. The approximate cost for a traffic signal light is \$75,000.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Pace inquired on possible sites to host the weekly Al-ateen meetings for approximately 20 people. They are currently meeting at the Triangle Club in Pomona. Staff suggested McKinley Children's Center. Staff will contact Rhonda Beltran and contact Commissioner Pace with the information.

Commissioner Stevenson stated that he has a new cribbage player.

Commissioner Skinner stated the 33rd Annual Festival of Arts Show will be held at the Walker House on April 25 and 26. Commissioner Skinner will notify staff if the traditional "Senior Sneak Peek" will be hosted.

Commissioner Hernandez thanked staff for encouraging seniors to be prepared for an emergency. He suggested having a demonstration to help seniors with the new television converter boxes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to March 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator