

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, January 4, 2007
San Dimas Senior Citizen Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Doris Burland, unexcused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2007 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2006, 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 many first time visitors attended the November and December dinner programs.

Staff highlighted the flu shot clinic held on November 6. The City of San Dimas provided 319 influenza vaccinations administered by Los Angeles County Health Department nurses. Staff recognized the support of local agencies that participated in a mini-service fair. Their involvement enhanced the participants experience during the clinic by providing free beverages and information.

Staff reported on the overwhelming support and enthusiasm of the Senior Center volunteers, especially during the first Senior Center Tree Lighting Celebration hosted on Monday, December 4, 2006. The evening featured the San Dimas High School Singers, Country Plus Band, refreshments and treats. The hallway was decorated with 14 stockings highlighting the various programs offered during 2006.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in November and December.

November 2	Excursion – Palm Springs Follies
November 6	Seasonal Activity – Flu Shots
November 9	Excursion – Lawry’s Prime Rib
November 15	Excursion – Agua Caliente
November 17	Senior Event – Thanksgiving Dinner
November 22	Chuckwagon Social – Thanksgiving
December 1	Excursion – Mystery Trip: Cheese, Wine and Dine
December 4	Seasonal Event – Tree Lighting & Open House
December 8	Senior Event – Holiday Dinner
December 14	Excursion – USO Holiday Show
December 20	Excursion – Cruise of Lights

Upcoming events and activities include:

January 10	Excursion – Fantasy Springs Casino
January 24	Chuckwagon Social – Chinese New Year
January 26	Senior Dinner Social – All Aboard Cabaret
February 2	Senior Dinner Social – Candlelight Dinner
February 14	Chuckwagon Social – Cupcake Social
February 17	Excursion – Fiddler on the Roof
February 20	Chuckwagon Social – African-American History Month
February 23	Excursion – Huntington Library Tea & Tour

C. Miscellaneous

Staff updated the Commission on the status of the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP). The program registration will take place on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen/Community Center. Commissioners were encouraged to promote the event.

Staff updated the Commission on the status of the Super Service Station Program, which provides seniors with assistance at local service stations. Currently 53 plaques have been issued to seniors and all original service stations continue to provide services. Commissioner Williams stated that she was very impressed by the professional service and the staff’s willingness to help at the Valero Gas Station. She noted that they also help seniors on days not listed on the plaques. Commissioner Dallas stated that Valero staff is vigilant and is always ready to help.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff reported that the current Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$2,524.49. The Certificate of Deposit account balance is \$5,651.72 which matured on January 3, 2007. There are currently no recommendations for expenditures from the account.

Staff stated that as requested by the Commission, staff visited Pomona First Federal Bank upon maturity of the Certificate of Deposit to discuss the rate options, since the Certificate of Deposit rates offered at Pomona First Federal were lower than those offered by Downey Savings. Lori Cox, Financial Services Specialist for Pomona First Federal Bank, provided quality service and matched the rate currently offered at Downey Savings. Staff will draft a letter on behalf of the Senior Citizen Commission to recognize the support and appreciation of the rate increase.

REVIEW OF PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF 2007 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE

Staff noted that it is time for the Commission to review the Older American Nomination Form. The honoree represents San Dimas seniors at the Older American Recognition Day luncheon 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 services at the San Dimas Senior Center. The Commission reviewed the nomination application and a list of past honorees. Commissioners requested staff to promote the Older American Honoree nomination forms during the San Dimas Senior Citizens Club meetings and during the Chuckwagon Nutrition Program. The deadline for submitting nominations is Tuesday, February 27 at 5 pm.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Director Bruns stated that staff will be reviewing projects and programs for the next the fiscal year budget. She encouraged Commissioners to share ideas throughout the year.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone invited Commissioners to the Annual City Recognition dinner on January 27 at San Dimas Canyon Golf Course. Commissioners requested valet parking.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the City has purchased all the properties for the Costco Project.

Councilmember Bertone announced that the City hired a new Planning Director. Larry Stevens was promoted to Assistant City Manger for Development Projects. This addition will expedite service to residents.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Brown inquired if the City was reviewing traffic patterns. She stated that at Tudor Street it is very difficult to turn onto Valley Center Avenue. Staff stated that a light was being considered at Valley Center Avenue and Gladstone Street near the school. Commissioner Brown suggested a study be conducted at the Tudor Street intersection. Councilmember Bertone stated that he would refer this recommendation to the Traffic Committee.

Commissioner Short stated that her neighbors have vehicles parked in front of her home exceeding the overnight parking ordinance. Councilmember Bertone will report it and urged Commissioners to immediately report such issues to Administration Department at City Hall. Commissioner Short inquired on the status of the Bonita Avenue and Iglesia Street intersection and the possibility of adding a traffic light. Councilmember Bertone stated that the intersection is in consideration with the downtown renovation project.

Commissioner Dallas inquired where dog licenses could be obtained. She was referred to the Humane Society. She stated that she was very glad staff was able to secure a higher interest rate for the Foundation account.

Commissioner Williams stated that her friend uses the Meals on Wheels meal delivery program and received a meal on New Year's Day. She is very proud of the service.

Commissioner Stevenson stated they still need cribbage players for anyone interested.

Commissioner Nelson inquired on the possibility of adding a ramp or automatic door on the Iglesia Street entrance to the Senior Center. Staff restated that it is in consideration for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Pace presented her YWCA San Gabriel Site Council report. She stated that Don Herring, Intervale Senior Services Director, was not satisfied with the meals provided by NDK and if not improved he will find a new vendor. She was surprised to find that other sites had a higher number of meals wasted. She noticed that more volunteers are needed to serve and some participants are not registering. She informed the Commission that donations are not required.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to March 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.


Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator