

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, July 1, 2010
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed new commissioners and new members introduced themselves.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bee Dallas
 Lorous "Connie" Brown, Chairperson
 Fred Garcia
 Lou Gross
 Paul Hernandez
 Alta Skinner, Vice Chairperson
 Denise Tornatore
 Robbie Williams
 Ed Wolfe

 Denis Bertone, Councilmember
 Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
 Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2010 MEETING AS MAILED

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ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2010-2011

Manager Raya reviewed that annually at the July meeting the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Commission need to be selected. This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting so that the newly elected Chairperson could conduct the meeting.

COMMISSIONER SKINNER NOMINATED COMMISSIONER BROWN AS SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER WOLFE NOMINATED COMMISSIONER SKINNER AS SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS 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 an increase in the Chuckwagon Lunch Program and a continued increase in walk-ins and phone calls coinciding with the relocation of City Hall and Bingo. Staff reported that the monthly totals for the senior classes that were relocated are not included in the report. Commissioner Skinner inquired if the decrease in Senior Club Bingo is related to the relocation. Staff stated that the decrease in participation is due to the decreased capacity of the Multi-Purpose Room.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in May and June:

May 1	Chuckwagon Social – 90+ Birthday at San Dimas Retirement Center
May 12	Excursion – Palm Springs Follies
May 13	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
May 13	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
May 14	Senior Event – Senior Mingle
May 18	Chuckwagon Social – Open Mic Night
May 22	Outdoor Adventure – Wildlife Hike
May 25	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
May 26-28	Excursion – Laughlin and Oatman Getaway (3 Days)
June 3	Seasonal Event – Bunko Social
June 5	Excursion – Long Beach Melodrama
June 10	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
June 10	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
June 10-15	Excursion – Oregon Trails and the Flower Festival (6 Days)
June 18	Senior Event – Luau Dinner
June 19	Outdoor Adventure – Extreme Hike
June 29	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social

Upcoming events and activities include:

July 8	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
July 8	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
July 10	Excursion – Merlin Rib Trader
July 14	Excursion – Fillmore Western Railways
July 16	Senior Event – Summer Indoor BBQ
July 20	Chuckwagon Social – Open Mic Night
July 22	Excursion – San Manuel Casino
July 26	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
August 5	Seasonal Event – Bunko Social
August 5	Excursion – Colorful Songs of Broadway
August 7	50 th Anniversary Celebration – Birthday BBQ
August 7	Outdoor Adventure – Downtown History Hunt
August 11	Excursion – San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

August 12	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
August 12	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
August 19	Excursion – Pageant of the Masters
August 20	Senior Event – Nifty Fifty Dinner
August 30	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social

C. Miscellaneous

Staff discussed the importance of creating a network of senior living facility managers that support each other in transitioning seniors from independent living to assisted living. Staff created the Managers Exchange and hosted the first meeting on May 10. Staff met with managers from Sunnyside Apartments, Monte Vista Place, Charter Oak Mobile Estates and Park San Dimas Apartments to begin a dialogue and collaboration of services that will benefit senior residents in San Dimas. Based on the interest of the participating managers, these meetings will be held quarterly at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. Park San Dimas is interested in creating a bus route that picks up residents on a regular basis to attend the Chuckwagon Lunch Program. Managers are now receiving welcome packets and *SilverTimes* newsletter on a regular basis.

Charter Oak Mobile Estates is interested in hosting a Round-Up Gang Social. Staff stated that this is an opportunity for staff and active senior center participants to visit local sites and share the programs offered at the Senior Citizen/Community Center. Often residents of the visited facilities are new and do not know the services offered or are hesitant to participate because they do not know anyone. All Commissioners expressed an interest in being notified upon confirmation of date and time. Commissioner Skinner suggested creating a buddy program to welcome visitors to the Senior Citizen/Community Center.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff explained the function of the Commission Foundation account. The purpose of the account is to provide funding for capital items or large equipment items needed at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. In the past, the Commission has approved allocation of funds for an ice machine and a dishwasher. Staff does not have a request for expenditure. Staff stated that following the City Hall renovation, the Senior Citizen/Community Center will be evaluated to identify improvements needed.

Staff explained that quarterly financial reports are presented to the Commission for review along with any recommendations for expenditures. Staff explained that previously the Commission directed staff to keep a portion of the funds in a money market account that is accessible without penalty and to keep the balance of the funds in an interest bearing Certificate of Deposit with a 6-month to 12-month term. As the Certificate of Deposit account matures, the Commission will review the Certificate of Deposit account interest rates and term. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation funds are generated by contributions to the donor wall located in the Senior Center. Currently the accounts are held at California Bank and Trust in San Dimas. Previously the accounts were held at Pomona First Federal until they changed ownership and offered the account at considerably lower interest rates.

Staff reported that the current Senior Citizen Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$4,638.16. The Certificate of Deposit account balance is \$5,039.59, which will mature on August 19, 2010. The total balance for the Money Market and Certificate of Deposit accounts is \$9,677.75. Councilmember Bertone stated that the funds should be used for equipment or projects directly benefiting seniors.

COMMISSIONER SKINNER MOVED TO ROLLOVER THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FOR ONE YEAR AT THE CURRENT INSTITUTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOLFE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Staff invited Commissioners to attend the 50th Anniversary City Birthday BBQ on Saturday, August 7 from 2:00pm to 10:00pm at Civic Center Park. Staff stated that new daytime activities were added and The Answer will be performing.

Staff invited Commissioners to attend the 50th Anniversary New Year's Eve Party on December 31. This event is the concluding event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Announcements will be mailed to all Commissioners.

Staff is currently analyzing accessible parking at the Swim & Racquet Club. Commissioner Wolfe stated that he is on the Bonita Unified School District Performing Arts Committee and they are currently looking to relocate the building due to parking limitations. Councilmember Bertone requested an update from Director Bruns.

Staff addressed Commissioner Williams' concerns that goats were grazing in a residence on Allen Avenue. Staff investigated the area reported by Commissioner Williams and it is not zoned for agriculture. Staff requested that she provide an address to verify zoning.

Staff stated that traditionally, the September Senior Citizen Commission meeting is held off-site to increase community awareness of programs and services offered at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and to share the function of the Senior Citizen Commission. Commissioners discussed location options and selected Sunnyside Apartments as a possible site to host the September Senior Citizen Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER SKINNER MOVED TO HOST THE NEXT COMMISSION OFFSITE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone encouraged the new Commissioners to bring new ideas to staff and share concerns. He stated that many qualified applicants applied for the Senior Citizen Commission, and they were selected because they brought expertise and new ideas. He asked each of the new Commissioners to share their ideas.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Garcia shared his involvement with Earthquake Preparedness at Park San Dimas Apartments. He stated that he organizes a committee of residents that are prepared to assist each other during an emergency. He is interested in providing the program to the City so that it may benefit senior facilities throughout San Dimas.

Commissioner Wolfe stated that he is interested in creating a program that links high school seniors and retired senior professionals. The idea is to have the seniors mentor the students during their high school

senior project. He is also interested in having the seniors present their ideas and skills during the high school career fairs.

Commissioner Tornatore stated that in her experience many senior are “aging out” and the “new wave” of seniors are interested in more exciting activities. She believes that senior centers need to adapt and provide more than meal programs. She shared that transportation is extremely important. She stated that she recently assisted a senior with moving into Emeritus at San Dimas, but found that the transportation program provided by Emeritus at San Dimas is tailored around the programs they offer. Staff suggested that she utilize the Get About program to enhance the transportation available.

Commissioner Gross shared his experience as an Ombudsman in San Dimas and expressed the importance of having an Advanced Health Care Directive. He also shared the idea of having a traveling group that visits local restaurants for dinner or lunch.

Commissioner Skinner shared that the high school public arts projects were complete at the City Maintenance Yard and this summer they are revitalizing the Supreme Label mural at the front of San Dimas High School. The mural will include the 50th Anniversary logo because it is a sanctioned event. The Commissioners are encouraged to visit the murals.

Commissioner Hernandez stated that there is a Federal program to assist individuals with housing needs. He stated that with the new changes in health care, premium caps will enable seniors with pre-existing conditions to obtain insurance. He also reported that first-time homebuyer’s credit was extended through September.

Commissioner Williams encouraged hosting a beauty day at the Senior Citizen/Community Center. Staff stated that they are currently working with Citrus College to provide a Beauty Day. Commissioner Tornatore stated that she has a contact, Teri Muse, a Mary Kay consultant, who may volunteer services.

Commissioner Garcia expressed his appreciation to be on the Senior Citizens Commission.

Commissioner Brown thanked everyone for participating

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to September 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator