

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, September 2, 2010
Atria Rancho Park - Ballroom
801 Cypress Way, San Dimas

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She thanked the audience in attendance for the invitation to Atria Rancho Park and explained the purpose of the Senior Citizen Commission.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Bee Dallas, excused
Denise Tornatore, unexcused

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2010 MEETING AS MAILED

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SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report. Staff invited audience members to participate in the various activities offered at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and provided fliers of various programs. Commissioner Skinner noted the increase in Senior Club Bingo. Staff stated that the Executive Board reported an average profit of \$100.00-\$150.00 weekly with an approximate attendance of 80-85 participants. Commissioner Skinner also noted the increase in the Chuckwagon Dinner Program attendance. Staff stated that the increase compared to last year, is due to the addition of Tuesday night dinners. Patti Buri, Atria Rancho Park Activities Coordinator expressed interest in having residents participate in the Chuckwagon Dinner Program. Staff suggested attending the upcoming Open Mic Nite on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in July and August:

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 – City 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

Upcoming events and activities include:

September 4	Excursion – Day in Solvang
September 8	Seasonal – San Dimas Day at the Fair
September 9	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
September 9	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
September 10	Senior Event – Sunset in Mexico
September 22	Excursion – Kayaking Voyage
September 21	Chuckwagon Social – Open Mic Night
September 28	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
September 30	Excursion – LA Landmarks and Wine Tasting
October 5	Excursion – New York (7 Days)
October 14	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour
October 14	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
October 14	Seminar – Hand Mobility
October 19	Seminar – Grief 101
October 21	Seasonal Event – Shake Out Drill
October 20	Senior Event – Classic Halloween Horrors
October 23	Excursion – Ocktoberfest
October 23	Citywide Event – Bowser Bash
October 26	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
October 28	Seasonal Event – Bunko Social
October 28	Chuckwagon Social – Halloween Social

C. Miscellaneous

Staff invited Commissioners and audience members to attend the free Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Health on Thursday, November 4, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Staff stated that the notable increase in July excursion participation was due to a casino trip offered. Staff stated that casino trips are very popular and two busses are usually filled.

Staff invited everyone to attend the Charter Oak Mobile Estate Round-Up, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Staff described the purpose of the event. Staff will contact Commissioners with details.

Staff invited everyone to visit the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center to "Cool Off" as the facility is a "Cooling Center" for residents when the weather is very hot. Staff stated that cool water is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and anyone may stop by the lobby to relax in an air-conditioned room or join any of the social groups scheduled throughout the week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Manager Raya stated that staff is continuing to work on a long-term and short-term solution to the accessible parking needed at the Swim and Racquet Club.

Manager Raya invited everyone to participate in the following programs:

- 5K Run on Saturday, September 25 from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center Park
- Bowser Bash on Saturday, October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Horsethief Canyon Park
- Walnut Creek Clean-Up on Saturday, November 6 in collaboration with Tzu Chi Foundation, and;
- Downtown Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Walker House and on Bonita Avenue between San Dimas Avenue and Rhoads Park.

Staff followed up on Commissioner Williams' concerns that goats were grazing in a residence on Allen Avenue. Staff investigated the address provided by Commissioner Williams and verified that it is not zoned for agriculture; therefore, goats are not allowed.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone encouraged the audience to participate in the various programs offered at the Senior Citizen/Community Center and to read the *SilverTimes Newsletter* that highlights the various upcoming events.

Councilmember Bertone stated that a Fresh & Easy store will open at the intersection of San Dimas Canyon Road and Bonita Avenue.

Councilmember Bertone was proud to report that the City of San Dimas has a balanced budget.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Skinner thanked everyone and encouraged audience members to participate in the programs and services offered at the Senior Citizen/Community Center. She also encouraged them to contact staff if they have any needs or suggestions.

Commissioner Williams stated that the Senior Citizen Commission is dedicated to helping the seniors and she would love to assist.

Commissioner Garcia expressed his gratitude for the invitation to Atria Rancho Park and encouraged audience members to participate in the activities offered at the Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Commissioner Hernandez stated that he is involved with social services in the local area and should anyone need bilingual assistance, they can speak to him after the meeting or contact staff for his information.

Commissioner Wolfe stated that he is interested in intergenerational programs where seniors can share their experience with local youth.

Commissioner Gross stated that as a new Commissioner, he looks forward to sharing activities with the public and creating new programs.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Audience members requested additional *SilverTimes Newsletters* for Atria Rancho Park.

Mikalina O'Brien, audience member, is interested in creating an Italian recipe book. Commissioner Wolfe stated that he is interested in helping with the cookbook. He will contact her following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to November 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator