

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION  
Thursday, November 4, 2010  
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center  
201 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Fred Garcia  
Lou Gross  
Paul Hernandez  
Alta Skinner, Vice Chairperson  
Ed Wolfe

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

Absent:

Lorous "Connie" Brown, excused  
Bee Dallas, excused  
Denise Tornatore, unexcused  
Robbie Williams, unexcused

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 MEETING AS MAILED**

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS MAILED.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

No audience communication.

**SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**

**A. Attendance/Participation**

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report. Staff stated that the slight decrease in the Chuckwagon Lunch program may be due to the extended summer by MSAC; however, staff will monitor closely to ensure it is not due to a decrease in meal quality. Staff stated that Chuckwagon Dinner continues to grow and noted an exceptional September.

## **B. Programs and Activities**

Staff reviewed the following programs held in September and October:

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

Upcoming events and activities include:

November 4	Seasonal – Flu Shot Clinic
November 7	Excursion – Carlsbad Fair
November 12	Senior Event – Thanksgiving Dinner
November 16	Chuckwagon Social – Open Mic Night
November 18	Excursion – Soboba Casino in San Jacinto
November 30	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
December 4	Citywide Event – Holiday Extravaganza
December 9	Chuckwagon Social – Happy Hour with Open Mic
December 9	Chuckwagon Social – Bingo Social
December 10	Senior Event – Holiday Dinner
December 14	Seasonal – Focus Group
December 19	Excursion – Newport Christmas Boat Parade
December 28	Chuckwagon Social – Birthday Social
December 29	Chuckwagon Social – New Year Social

## **C. Miscellaneous**

Staff stated that the Senior Club Bingo increased attendance during their Bingo and has not reported any losses. During the past three months, they have averaged a daily bingo attendance of 80 to 85 participants.

Staff reported that the Los Angeles County Health Department vaccination clinic was held earlier in the day. Staff thanked Commissioners Garcia and Hernandez for volunteering during the vaccination clinic. The clinic offered pneumonia, whooping cough and influenza vaccines to the entire community. The clinic also included a small information fair featuring local service agencies including, Atria Rancho Park, Community Senior Services, HealthCare Partners, HomeWatch Caregivers, and free blood pressure/body fat index by Inter Valley Health Plan. Staff estimates that approximately 319 vaccinations were issued.

Staff thanked Commissioners Skinner, Garcia and Hernandez for attending the Round Up hosted on October 27 at Charter Oak Mobile Estates. Commissioners shared the feedback received by participants and express interest in future Round Up programs.

Staff announced that a Focus Group will be held on November 19 to gather interests and concerns from core participants. The participants were selected based on frequency of participation, length of involvement in the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and the type of activities they can represent.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION QUARTERLY FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported that the current Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$4,888.77. This balance reflects a Donor Wall donation for \$250.00 in honor of Narinder Singh, deposited in the Money Market account on July 12. The Certificate of Deposit account matured on August 19, 2010 and as requested by the Commission, the current balance of \$5,047.73 was rolled over at California Bank and Trust for a one-year term, with a .25% APR, and a new maturity date of August 19, 2011. Staff has no recommendations for expenditures from the account at this time.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Staff**

Manager Raya invited everyone to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year's Eve event on Friday, December 31, 2010 at the Via Verde Country Club. He stated that partial payments are accepted. Commissioner Wolfe suggested adopting a senior to attend. A party bus for seniors may be added for seniors who may be interested in attending but are not able to drive at night.

Manager Raya invited everyone to attend the Downtown Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 4 from 2pm to 6:30pm with festivities occurring from the Walker House to Rhoads Park and along Bonita Avenue. He stated that the event is a great collaboration between the City, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants, Saffron Restaurant and local community organizations. The event will include the snow, games, desserts, Santa's hayride and the tree lighting. In addition to the traditional Downtown Merchants Scavenger Hunt, the merchants will be hosting a window decorating contest.

Manager Raya invited everyone to participate in the Walnut Creek Clean-Up on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9:30am to 11:00am. The event is hosted in collaboration with Tzu Chi USA, Foundation.

Manager Raya encouraged everyone to prepare program and equipment ideas to share during the January Commission meeting.

Manager Raya stated that Commissioner Kephart passed last month. He stated that the family shared their appreciation for the support and care given to Commissioner Kephart.

**B. City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Bertone stated that the City Hall Renovation project is on schedule and is expected to be concluded in April 2011.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the NJD Project will take place on 170 acres along the foothills. He shared his concerns with the project. He stated that the City Council cannot dictate the use of private land but they can enforce certain restrictions.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the maintenance of the freeway off-ramps as a project is a priority. He stated that staff will be meeting with CalTrans to discuss options and cost.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Chevron Station adjacent to the Walker House is for sale. He stated that the City is interested in possibly purchasing the land to create a park; however, further review will be needed.

Councilmember Bertone reported that a 2008 Bond was issued for a high speed rail from Los Angeles to San Francisco and is expected to go through San Dimas. He stated that a Council of Governments (COG) was formed to discuss the options and lobby for the best solutions for the construction.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Gold Line from Los Angeles to Pasadena will extend to Ontario. He shared that the intended construction will take place in phases. Phase-1 is expected to begin in 2012 extending the line from Pasadena to Azusa and Phase-2 will extend from Azusa to Montclair. The portion that will pass through San Dimas will be included in Phase-2. The project is expected to utilize the Pacific Railroad tracks and will require relocating the City Yard by 2017; relocation site is unknown.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Fresh and Easy construction is progressing. He stated that the City has received inquiries from builders interested in purchasing the land adjacent to Fresh and Easy for residential use.

**C. Members of the Commission**

Commissioner Garcia provided all commissioners a hand-crafted “spirited horse” to commemorate the City of San Dimas 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Commissioner Hernandez stated that federal budget cuts are expected to affect In-Home Support Services. He speculated that although the state will receive \$10 billion for health insurance programs, other programs would need to be reduced.

Commissioner Gross shared his review of the computer lab and suggested that upgrades be made. Commissioner Wolfe suggested contacting Bonita Unified School District for furniture. Staff and Commissioners toured computer lab and will further review the suggestions presented by Commissioner Gross.

Commissioner Skinner reported that the MSAC and the Bonita Unified School District Bonds are utilizing the funds as requested by voters. She stated that all members involved in the Bond Committees were reliable and trustworthy, as they act on behalf of the students.

Commissioner Wolfe presented mission and vision of *TechPals*, an intergenerational “pen-pal type” program that utilizes modern technology. He stated that it is his vision to connect today’s youth with adults to share values and learn from each other. Commissioner Skinner suggested finger printing adult participants and ensuring that conversations are monitored for the safety of the youth participants. Staff will distribute copies of the *TechPals* program outline during the next Commission meeting as requested.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. to January 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator