

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, July 5, 2012
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center
201 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wolfe at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Beth Costanza
Bee Dallas
Fred Garcia
Lou Gross
Paul Hernandez
Chet Sasaki
Alta Skinner, Vice Chairperson
Ed Wolfe, Chairperson

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

Absent: Robbie Williams, excused

Commissioner Wolfe welcomed Commissioner Costanza. She introduced herself to the Commissioners. She shared her previous experience as a restaurant owner, retired Chamber of Commerce Director, and her involvement on other Commissions. Commissioners welcomed and introduced themselves by sharing their experience on the San Dimas Senior Citizen Commission.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No Audience Communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2012 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 stated that the increased attendance for the Chuckwagon Lunch program is due in part to the decrease in participation reported during the 2010 City Hall reconstruction.

Staff announced that the Chuckwagon Dinner Program was suspended by Intervale Senior Services due to reduced funding from the Los Angeles County Health Department. Quotas were assigned to all lunch program sites offered by Intervale Senior Services based on previous attendance. The San Dimas Chuckwagon Lunch program has a daily quota of 67 meals.

Staff reported that the 90+ Birthday Celebration was hosted at Atria Rancho Park on June 30. Staff thanked Commissioners Dallas, Garcia and Gross for attending the event. Approximately 200 friends and family attended the celebration, which honored more than 50 individuals celebrating 90+ years of age and one resident celebrating 103 years of age.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in May and June:

May 9-11	Excursion – Laughlin 3-Day Getaway
May 12	Seasonal Event – 90+ Birthdays at San Dimas Retirement Center
May 18	Special Event – Game Show Dinner
May 23	Excursion – Aquarium of the Pacific
June 07	Excursion – Las Brisas
June 08	Senior Event – Hawaiian Luau
June 20	Excursion – Santa Barbara Bus-1
June 27	Excursion – Santa Barbara Bus-2
June 28	Seasonal – Bunko
June 30	Seasonal Event – 90+ Birthdays at Atria Rancho Park

Upcoming events and activities include:

July 12	Excursion – Pageant of the Masters
July 19	Excursion – Del Mar Race Track
July 20	Special Event – Sizzling Summer Night Dinner
July 23-26	Seasonal Event – Cherie-O-lympic Games
June 25	Excursion – Harrah’s Casino (2 Busses)
August 11	Excursion – Golden Glendale
August 24	Senior Event – BBQ Dinner
August 29	Excursion – Warner Bros. Studios
August 30	Seasonal – Bunko

C. Miscellaneous

Staff encouraged Commissioners to participate or invite others to attend a one-on-one meeting with a Los Angeles County Veterans' Affairs representative who will explain the benefits of Title 38 for seniors with military experience and their spouse. Commissioner Skinner suggested forwarding the information to the HEROES program. She will provide contact information.

Staff announced that an Alzheimer's Support group is available on the second Thursday of the month for caregivers who are caring for loved ones with memory loss and dementia.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2012-2013

Nominations were open for the selection of a Chairperson commencing with the September Commission meeting. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SKINNER TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER WOLFE AS CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nominations were open for the selection of a Vice Chairperson commencing with the September Commission meeting. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SKINNER TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER SASAKI AS VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOLFE, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff reported that the current Senior Citizen Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$5,008.11. The Certificate of Deposit account balance is \$5,066.71 and will mature on August 19, 2012. The total combined balance for the Money Market and Certificate of Deposit accounts is \$10,074.82. There are currently no recommendations for expenditures from the accounts.

Staff presented the current rates offered at California Bank and Trust (.08%), Bank of America (.35%), US Bank (.10%) and Wells Fargo (.05%). Commissioners discussed the possible actions for the Senior Citizen Commission Foundation funds.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SKINNER TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT INTO A NEW 12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT BANK OF AMERICA, IF CALIFORNIA BANK AND TRUST CANNOT MATCH THE BANK OF AMERICA RATE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WOLFE, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Director Bruns reported that due to the loss of redevelopment funds, department directors were asked to review their budgets and reduce expenditures. On June 26, City Council approved a preliminary budget that is \$900 thousand over budget knowing that the City Manager would return with a plan to reduce that gap throughout the year.

Director Bruns reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has reorganized the duties assigned to coordinators. She announced that Coordinator Rodriguez will oversee recreation classes and will be supported by Melissa Marshall as a Senior Specialist at the Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Director Bruns stated that all Parks and Recreation programs from seniors to tiny tots are in full swing for the summer.

Director Bruns confirmed that all Senior Citizen Commissioners are interested in disclosing their contact information and receiving a senior Commission contact roster. A copy will be distributed to Commissioners during the September meeting.

Manager Raya invited all Commissioners to the Bowser Bash on Saturday, July 7 at Horsethief Canyon Park.

Manager Raya reported that vending machines at the Swim and Racquet Club are currently being reviewed for healthy snacks.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone stated that Linda Groth was recognized as the Older American Honoree on Wednesday, May 23 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Councilmember Bertone announced that Commissioner Wolfe's band was the opening band for the Music in the Park Concerts. Commissioner Wolfe stated that the band is comprised of local professional musicians.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the housing project planned at Bonita Gateway located at Bonita Avenue and San Dimas Canyon Road lost funding. The Grove Station Project has funding and is moving forward with their townhomes on San Dimas Avenue.

Councilmember Bertone stated that he was invited to Washington DC by The Wilderness Society to lobby in support of Congressman Drier's proposal for more wilderness area, and also in support of efforts to classify the San Bernardino Mountains as a National Wilderness Area, which is one step below a National Park.

Councilmember Bertone reported with the elimination of Redevelopment the City lost 1.4 million dollars. He stated that through staff modifications staff was able to reduce half of that loss and would then require taking money from reserve to balance the budget. He stated that City Council and staff would like to limit the impact to staff by analyzing all options. He stated that the Cities will continue to pursue the recovery of funds from the State.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Dallas inquired of the location of the Hawaiian event. Director Bruns stated that is an annual event hosted at San Dimas Canyon Park by the Los Angeles County Nature Center.

Commissioner Wolfe stated that the inventory at the Train Stop is being reduced with sales on Tuesday and Thursdays. He was informed by the current owner that the property is for sale, but no offers have been received.

Commissioner Skinner commended the City Council for their great leadership and thanked the staff on behalf of the community. Councilmember Bertone commended the Parks and Recreation staff for their

dedication to the residents of San Dimas. Director Bruns stated that it is fortunate to work with a community that is very active, supportive and provides feedback.

Commissioner Skinner invited Commissioners to the 2nd Annual “August Nights” Festival of Arts Fundraiser at the Corner Lodge. A \$55 donation for the event includes food, raffle prizes and a great evening of music.

Commissioner Gross inquired on the possibility of purchasing a projector and screen for the computer room. Staff had previously contacted the three instructors who offer classes in the computer lab. According to the instructors, Mt. San Antonio Community College provides each of them with a projector. The feedback regarding the screen is that although it would be nice it is not necessary. Commissioner Skinner and Wolfe suggested contacting the Bonita Unified School District.

Commissioner Gross inquired on the requirements to be listed on the HEROES Memorial. Commissioner Skinner stated that the criteria to be listed are to have served in the military and to have lived in San Dimas for at least one year. Commissioner Skinner directed Commissioner Gross to the Farmer’s Market on Wednesday nights to get the needed paperwork. He praised the appearance of the streets in San Dimas.

Commissioner Hernandez reported that reductions will be made to In-Home support services, Adult Day Care programs, MediCal restrictions and limitations, and Nursing Home Care.

Commissioner Garcia reported that Emergency Management classes continue to be offered at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center on the third Friday of every month. Local housing managers have asked Commissioner Garcia to speak at their sites. As a result he is now called, “Ready Freddy.” Commissioner Garcia created an Emergency Response checklist that can be carried to remind seniors of the steps needed for earthquake preparedness.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. to September 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator