

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, January 3, 2013
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 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Beth Costanza
Bee Dallas
Paul Hernandez
Chet Sasaki, Vice Chairperson
Ed Wolfe, Chairperson

Denis Bertone, Councilmember
Theresa Bruns, Parks and Recreation Director
Amanda Carson, Recreation Coordinator
Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator

Absent: Fred Garcia, excused
Lou Gross, excused
Alta Skinner, excused
Robbie Williams, unexcused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No audience communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 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 reported new visitors continue to inquire about activities and programs offered at the San Dimas Senior Citizen / Community Center. New move-ins at Atria Senior Living, Sunnyside Apartments and Emeritus receive a Welcome Packet describing services offered at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. Councilmember Bertone noted the consistency in Chuckwagon Lunch

Program attendance and inquired on the status of the Chuckwagon Dinner Program. Staff stated that Intervale Senior Services is not expecting to resume the Chuckwagon Dinner Program at this time.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in January and February:

January 16	Excursion – Valley View Casino
January 25	Senior Event – Rock Around the Clock Dinner
January 26	Excursion – Galloping into the New Year
February 10	Excursion – Long Live the King
February 16	Excursion – Whale Tale
February 22	Senior Event – Fountain of Youth
February 28	Seasonal – Bunko

Upcoming events and activities include:

March 8	Excursion – Stellar Star Search
March 16	Excursion – Dancing with Wolves
March 27	Excursion – Harrah’s Casino
March 29	Senior Event – Green Eggs and Ham
April 06	Excursion – Danish Days and Creole Nights
April 19	Senior Event – Noche en Mexico
April 24	Excursion – A Walk in the Clouds
April 25	Seasonal – Bunko

C. Miscellaneous

Staff reported that all Mount San Antonio College sponsored courses will resume on Monday, January 7.

PRESENTATION OF LIFE GAMES PROPOSAL

Coordinator Carson introduced herself and presented the L.I.F.E. Games (Living and Inspiring through Fitness and Exercise) proposal to the Senior Citizen Commission. The proposed program is volunteer driven, incorporates the Senior Commission as a fundraising committee, features competitive sports activities for adults age 50 and over, an award ceremony and a community fair with workshops. Staff asked for a recommendation from the Senior Commission to proceed with program development and their availability to fundraise for the program. Commissioner Sasaki expressed concern that the proposed activities may extend the time allotted for the program and will require a large number of participants to be a viable event. Commissioner Wolfe shared concerns regarding the time frame. Commissioner Costanza suggested a participant fee. After further discussion regarding approaching community volunteers and limited funding sources, Commissioner Wolfe suggested that the program be a future goal and that the event be modified to be smaller on the first year it is offered. Staff will keep the program for future review, but will not proceed with planning for this fiscal year.

COMMISSION INPUT REGARDING PROGRAM IDEAS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Director Bruns inquired about capital improvement ideas and suggestions from Commissioners. Their ideas and suggestions may be included in the City Council Retreat in March. Commissioner Wolfe encouraged Commissioners to think about suggestions for capital improvement projects and contact Director Bruns directly. Councilmember Bertone suggested also considering smaller projects, such as the automation of the women's restroom door at the Senior Center.

Commissioner Sasaki inquired about ways to promote the support groups to increase attendance. He shared his experience with similar caregiver programs at his jobsite and suggested a general caregiver group rather and a specialized group for Alzheimer's. Staff is interested in new resources and partners to provide additional services. He also suggested a "learn to dance" class prior to the Night Club 440 to attract new participants.

Director Bruns asked Commissioners to share their expectations as a Senior Citizens Commissioner and the level of participation that interests them. Commissioner Sasaki stated that each member can participate in department activities as an interested individual rather than as a Commission. Consensus was shared by other commissioners and all are interested in maintaining involvement. Director Bruns shared that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be conducting monthly community meetings at various locations to reach out to residents.

REVIEW OF PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF 2013 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE

Staff reported that the Older American Honoree represents the City of San Dimas at the Older American Recognition Day celebration, 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. Staff stated that the Los Angeles County event is tentatively scheduled but confirmation is pending. Staff stated that the nomination process will continue to identify a San Dimas Older American Honoree. Staff will promote the Older American Honoree nomination process during the San Dimas Senior Citizens Club meetings, during the Chuckwagon Nutrition Programs, in the *SilverTimes* monthly newsletter and all other regular media releases. Forms will be available at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and at City Hall and must be returned by Thursday, February 28, 2013. The Commission reviewed the nomination application and list of past honorees.

Commissioner Sasaki inquired if the Senior Citizens Club is aware of the nomination process. Staff stated that they are very active in the nomination process and often a Senior Citizens Club member is selected.

COMMISSIONER SASAKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 2013 OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

No Report.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Holiday Extravaganza was fantastic with many in attendance. He noted that the snow was sponsored by the Senior Citizens Club. He praised Commissioner Wolfe for his outstanding performance featuring 18 musicians.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the State approved approximately \$2 million for the City's low to moderate subsidized housing program at the Grove Station.

Councilmember Bertone stated that Fresh and Easy market may be closing or acquired by a new owner.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the City is financially sound. No further cuts or layoffs are expected.

Commissioner Sasaki inquired about the status of the Walker House. Commissioner Dallas stated that she would like to see a restaurant return to the site. Councilmember Bertone stated that the State is in the process of determining the ownership of the Walker House. The City Attorney advised the City Council to continue to utilize the facility for civic activities and governmental functions.

Councilmember Bertone wished the Commissioners a healthy and wealthy new year.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Costanza had nothing to report.

Commissioner Dallas had nothing to report.

Commissioner Sasaki had nothing to report.

Commissioner Hernandez stated that the Internal Revenue Service is sent information regarding the fiscal cliff. He believes that retirement services will not be impacted, but working seniors may be affected due to delays to the Income Tax filing period.

Commissioner Wolfe thanked the staff for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. to March 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.



Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator