

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, November 7, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Maurice Kane
Kathy Nolan
Jim Rowe
Chet Sasaki, Vice Chairperson
Wayne Tennille
Ed Wolfe, Chairperson

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

Absent:

Beth Costanza, unexcused
Lou Gross, unexcused
Corazon Soriano, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No audience communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 MEETING AS MAILED

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PRESENTATION BY POMONA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Pomona Valley Transit Authority Director, George Sparks presented an in-depth description of senior transportation services and the history of the Get About transportation program. He explained that the Get About program began more than 30 years ago with the collaboration of the cities of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, San Dimas and the support of Community Senior Services, a local non-profit service agency. He presented information about the Get About, Ready Now, One Step Over the Line and Dial A Cab transportation programs.

Commissioners inquired on the possibility of expanding the cities that the Get About program is able to access. Director Sparks explained that based on the current format used, by expanding the cities covered cost per ride and the passenger wait time would increase. He explained that select locations frequently utilized by seniors, such as medical offices, are accessible destinations outside the current boundaries through the new One Step Over the Line transportation program.

Director Sparks stated that in the City of San Dimas the most popular program is the Dial A Cab program. This program is a shared taxi ride that may be requested the same day. The average wait time is approximately 20 minutes, although longer wait times may be expected during peak hours.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CHANGING THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Director Bruns stated that at the request of Commissioner Costanza, this item was placed on the agenda so that the commissioners may discuss if the current meeting time is suitable. Commissioner Wolfe suggested keeping the current meeting time.

COMMISSIONER SASAKI MOVED TO KEEP THE SENIOR COMMISSION MEETINGS AT 6:00PM, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROWE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the purpose of the reports. Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report. Staff invited commissioners to attend the Happy Hour Social at 3pm on Thursday, November 7 which will feature clay sculptures from Mrs. Kubota's Art Class.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in September and October:

September 7	Excursion – Catalina
September 13	Senior Event – Country Fair Dinner
September 18-20	Excursion – Stateline at Buffalo Bills Casino
September 29	Excursion – Anything Goes
October 3	Excursion – Pala Casino
October 17	Senior Event – Halloween Dinner
October 24	Seasonal – Bunko
October 26	Excursion – Oktoberfest in Big Bear

Upcoming events and activities include:

November 2	Excursion – The Loose Caboose in Fillmore
November 8	Senior Event – Thanksgiving Dinner
November 14	Excursion – Flower Power

December 11	Excursion – The Last Hurrah
December 21	Excursion – Sounds of the Season
December 26	Seasonal – Bunko

C. Miscellaneous

Director Bruns invited Commissioners to attend the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 7 from 2pm to 6pm. Festivities will be held at the Walker House, Rhoads Park, and along Downtown Bonita Avenue and First Street. The event will culminate at 6pm with the official tree lighting at Rhoads Park, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2014

Nominations were opened for the selection of Commission Chairperson commencing with the January meeting. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SASAKI TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER WOLFE AS CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TENNILLE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nominations were opened for the selection of Commission Vice Chairperson commencing with the January meeting. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SASAKI TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER KANE AND COMMISSIONER ROWE NOMINATED COMMISSIONER SASAKI AS VICE CHAIRPERSON. COMMISSIONER KANE WAS SELECTED AS THE NEW VICE CHAIRPERSON BY MAJORITY VOTE.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

No staff communications presented.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone reported that the ownership of the Walker House was awarded to the City of San Dimas. Staff is in the process of recruiting restaurants.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the City Council is currently looking to identify the type of businesses that are allowed at retail centers in an attempt to reduce the number of unoccupied spaces. He confirmed that a Smart and Final will occupy a portion of the old Ralphs Supermarket.

Councilmember Bertone announced that Southern California Edison will once again provide the LED Christmas light exchange during the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 7. This is a free program offered to San Dimas residents who are Southern California Edison customers.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Canyon project at the intersection of Bonita Avenue and San Dimas Canyon Road is in the process of adding approximately 180 apartments next to the Fresh and Easy market.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Gold Line was approved without funding for Phase 2 from Azusa to Montclair. If funding is secured, the project may be completed in 2021 or 2022. Measure R funds may be used for funding.

Councilmember Bertone announced that Congressional Representative Judy Chu is promoting the Foothills and the Angeles National Forest as National Recreation Area, which may provide additional funding.

Councilmember Bertone announced that a new online Pet Recovery system will be unveiled on the City Website to help residents locate missing pets.

Councilmember Bertone stated that he is pleased that the City has a balanced budget, a supportive Sheriff's Department, a strong senior program and strong representation on the Senior Citizen Commission.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Tennille introduced himself to the Commission. He moved to San Dimas in 1971. He retired as a teacher and school administrator. He is looking forward to being involved in the City of San Dimas.

Commissioner Kane stated that he is an 11-year resident of San Dimas, a lawyer representing schools and other agencies. He previously served on the Parks and Recreation Commission and is professionally involved in the California Bar Association, where he mentors future legal professionals.

Commissioner Nolan stated that she is new to the community. She is a pre-arrangement coordinator for funeral homes. She joined the commission to be of service to the community. She has been a square dancer for over 20 years.

Commissioner Rowe stated that he enjoys living in San Dimas and has volunteered for many years in the Historical Society. He also likes to race cars at the amateur level. He presented Director Bruns with a program provided at the Pomona Script College for review.

Commissioner Wolfe retired in 2007 as band director for San Dimas High School. He is currently the director of the San Dimas Brass Ensemble and leads the San Dimas Jazz Workshop. He stated that he is about children, seniors and music. Councilmember Bertone invited everyone to see him perform at the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 7 at Rhoads Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to January 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.



Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator