

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION  
Thursday, September 5, 2013  
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center  
201 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Sasaki at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Beth Costanza  
Maurice Kane  
Kathy Nolan  
James Rowe  
Chet Sasaki, Vice Chairperson  
Corazon Soriano

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

Absent: Lou Gross, excused  
Wayne Tennille, excused  
Ed Wolfe, Chairperson, excused

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Director Bruns welcomed new Commissioners Kane, Nolan, Rowe and Soriano to the Senior Citizens Commission. Commissioners in attendance welcomed and introduced themselves and shared their experience and community involvement.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

No audience communication.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2013 MEETING AS MAILED  
(JULY 4 MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO THE HOLIDAY)**

There was a correction to the minutes. Recreation Services Manager Leon Raya was in attendance at the May 2 meeting.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 2, 2013 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS REVISED.

**OVERVIEW OF SAN DIMAS SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Staff presented an overview of the programs and services provided at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and reported that the Center is open Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm and features a library and lobby for visitors to beat the heat and relax. Participants also may enjoy billiards Monday through Wednesday or table tennis on Thursdays and Fridays.

A variety of services are offered including:

- Social Services include      Lunch Program  
   Case Management
  
- Social Events and Activities Monthly Special Theme Dinner  
   Monthly Happy Hour  
   Weekly Social Group  
   Classes

Staff is able to provide a wide variety of programs and services thanks to the support and collaboration of over 100 volunteers, sponsors and agencies such as Mt. San Antonio Community College and Intervale Senior Services.

Director Bruns encouraged Commissioners to stop by and tour the facility.

Manager Raya praised the staff’s level of service and dedication to seniors.

Commissioner Soriano stated that JobTraining.gov offers funding for job training for seniors.

Director Bruns stated that the staff provides resources and referrals to avoid providing duplicate services.

Commissioner Sasaki praised staff’s responsiveness to questions and suggestions.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Senior Commission functions as the eyes and ears of the City Council and staff. He shared ideas, critics, and the success of past suggestions presented to City Council on behalf of the Senior Commission.

**SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**

**A.      Attendance/Participation**

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report. Staff highlighted the wide variety of adult excursions. Interested participants may choose from excursions with low to high activity levels.

**B. Programs and Activities**

Staff reviewed the following programs held in July and August:

July 8	Excursion – Stellar Star Search
July 16	Excursion – Dancing with Wolves
July 27	Excursion – Harrah’s Casino
July 29	Senior Event – Green Eggs and Ham
August 06	Excursion – Danish Days and Creole Nights
August 19	Senior Event – Noche en Mexico
August 24	Excursion – A Walk in the Clouds
August 18	Seasonal – Bunko

Upcoming events and activities include:

September 9	Excursion – Hollywood Hit Parade
September 10	70+ Birthdays – Sunnyside Apartments
September 11	90+ Birthdays – Emeritus at San Dimas
September 11	90+ Birthdays – San Dimas Retirement Center
September 15	Excursion – Secret Garden
September 25	90+ Birthdays – Atria Rancho Park
September 29	Seasonal Event – Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
September 31	Excursion – Heard it Through the Grape Vine
October 12-13	Excursion – Catalina Getaway
October 20	Excursion – Fantasy Springs
October 27	Seasonal – Bunko

**C. Miscellaneous**

Staff invited commissioners to attend the Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, October 29 from 9:00-11:30am at the Community Building.

**SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT**

Manager Raya described the purpose of the Foundation Account, how it is structured, prior expenditures and procedures for approval of actions and expenditures. He shared the history of relocating the account to different financial institutions at the direction of the Senior Commission. Director Bruns stated that the Commission account is registered with the State as a non-profit, but will verify the 501 classification. Manager Raya stated that the account is primarily funded by donor wall donations. Director Bruns stated that by-laws preclude expenditures for staff or expendables, expenditures are typically for capital equipment items.

Staff reported that the current Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$5,008.82. The Certificate of Deposit account balance is \$5,083.25. The accounts are currently held with Bank of

America and the CD matured on August 30, 2013, and rolled over, with a new maturity date of August 27, 2014. There are currently no recommendations for expenditures from the accounts.

Commissioner Soriano expressed interest in fundraising possibilities. Director Bruns shared that the philosophy has been to not duplicate the requests for donations from local businesses to avoid competing with local non-profits. Commissioner Rowe echoed that needs should be identified prior to requesting donations. Director Bruns reiterated that usually donations are made by participants or their families.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Staff**

Director Bruns stated that as commissioners they are only expected to attend the scheduled Senior Commission meetings. She stated that staff will present activities and invite them to other programs, but their attendance will not be required. Upcoming events which the Commissioners are invited to attend include:

- *5K & Family Fitness Fair* – Saturday, September 28, 7-9am, at the Civic Center
- *Bowser Bash*– Saturday, October 12, 10am-1pm, at the Horsethief Canyon Park
- *Family Bicycle Day* – Saturday, October 26, 7-10am, at the San Dimas Station Shopping Center
- *Saturday Stroll* - Saturday, November 16, 8-10am, at the Walker House
- *Downtown Holiday Extravaganza* – Saturday, December 7, 2-6:30pm, at the Walker House and Historic Bonita Avenue.

### **B. City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Ralphs Market closed and half of the space will be used for a Smart & Final market.

Councilmember Bertone invited Commissioners to attend the Western Days celebration on October 5 and 6, which features a pancake breakfast, parade, bands, and various booths.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Downtown will have additional holiday lights purchased by the local merchants. City staff will also hang the garland along Bonita Avenue.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Tzu Chi Foundation USA Inc. is seeking to develop a portion of their property in the Walnut Creek area that is under the purview of Los Angeles County.

Councilmember Bertone announced that the HEROES monument at Freedom Park will be adding additional pavers. He stated that the City maintains the landscaping and the non-profit organization funds the construction and the pavers.

### **C. Members of the Commission**

Commissioner Kane suggested having a day every month to provide advice in various legal matters. He stated that the Riverside Bar Association offers a day of law and advisory. Staff stated that attorney Howard Hawkins provides free legal advise the third Friday of every month.

Commissioner Nolan suggested having a resource fair where participants may access VA benefits. Staff shared that twice a year a representative from the VA offers one-on-one appointments and provides free assistance with the application.

Commissioner Rowe shared his interest in the community and stated he looks forward to being a part of the Senior Commission.

Commissioner Costanza requested to review the Commission's meeting time. Director Bruns will include that item in the November meeting agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. to November 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.



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Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator