

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, January 2, 2014
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: Lou Gross
Maurice Kane
Jim Rowe
Chet Sasaki, Vice Chairperson
Corazon Soriano
Ed Wolfe, Chairperson

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

Absent: Beth Costanza, unexcused
Kathy Nolan, excused
Wayne Tennille, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No audience communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2013 MEETING AS MAILED

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2013 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS MAILED.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the purpose of the quarterly reports. Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report. Staff reviewed new programs offered in 2013 and highlighted the Case Management service offered by Intervale Senior Services. New programs included the Creative Crafters, Dominoes, Eucher and the 70th Birthday Celebration at Sunnyside Senior Apartments. Case Management is offered monthly, by appointment and at no cost to participants.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in November and December:

November 2	Excursion – The Loose Caboose in Fillmore (2 buses)
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

Upcoming events and activities include:

January 11	Excursion – Oh What a Night
January 24	Senior Event – Awards Night Dinner
January 29	Excursion – Harrah’s Casino
February 12	Excursion – Whale Watching
February 24	Senior Event – Mardi Gras Masquerade
February 23	Excursion – Dreamgirls
February 27	Seasonal – Bunko

C. Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous communication presented.

REVIEW OF PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF 2014 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 the San Dimas Day at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Staff stated that the Los Angeles County event is tentatively scheduled but no date is confirmed.

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. Nomination forms will be available at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and at City Hall and must be returned by Tuesday, February 25, 2014. The Commission reviewed the nomination application and list of past honorees.

COMMISSIONER KANE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 2014 OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SASAKI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Director Bruns reported that the heating ventilation and air conditioning system is being replaced at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center and is expected to be in place by the end of January.

Councilmember Bertone stated that he heard from some concerned patrons regarding the cold temperature, but they are happy that it is being replaced.

Director Bruns reported that the 2014-15 fiscal year budget and capital projects are in the selection process. Many improvements are not expected for the Senior Citizen/Community Center since many updates were completed during 2013.

Commissioner Gross inquired if the City of San Dimas recognizes the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce. Director Bruns and Councilmember Bertone stated that the City funds the Chamber of Commerce and organizations are recognized by various awards throughout the year. Chairperson Wolfe stated that many awards are given to organizations and individuals or all ages.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone reported that four proposals were received from interested restaurateurs for the Walker House.

Councilmember Bertone reported that Supervisor Antonovich and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have awarded a \$850-thousand grant to the City for a landscape buffer and trail improvements for the Walnut Creek Open Space located adjacent to the Tzu Chi Foundation and Loma Vista Park.

Councilmember Bertone reported a Development Specialty Center will go before City Council to discuss a Physical Rehabilitation Center in Via Verde.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the owner of the property above San Dimas Canyon Golf Course want to build a development on the a portion of the 80 acre area.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the NJD Project in the Northern foothills is moving forward. Assistant City Manager Stevens is overseeing the horse trails, drainage and other various details of the development.

Councilmember Bertone reported that two years ago the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency created a deficit in the City budget which required accessing the reserve funds. The City has over 70% of the annual budget in reserves and is in good standing. He stated that the City Council is happy with staff. Commissioner Kane commended the efforts of the City Council and applauded the leadership of Director Bruns.

Chairperson Wolfe stated that the Train Shop has closed and is currently for sale.

Councilmember Bertone reported that approximately 90 condominiums at the Grove Station are sold and space is available in the mixed-use buildings.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Bonita Gateway Project is moving forward. Commissioner Rowe recommended contacting them to welcome seniors.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Sasaki commented that Alta Skinner, former Commissioner, recommended him to be nominated to the Mount San Antonio Community College Citizen Oversight Committee.

Commissioner Soriano complimented staff and the City Manager for the City's fiscal solvency.

Commissioner Gross wished everyone a happy new year for 2014.

Commissioner Kane shared the dangers of the Jamaican Lotto Scam, a scam that victimizes seniors by notifying them of an award that requires the senior to transfer funds in order to claim the prize. He also shared his wife's hardship and her inability to ensure that her uncle's last wishes were honored because his advance directive was not in place. He suggested a seminar to aid in the preparation of these documents. Staff will look into providing a service or seminar to inform seniors of documentation necessary to ensure their last wishes such as, advance directive which provides medical treatment requests for future care or a POLST, Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment which provides medical direction for current care.

Commissioner Rowe expressed support toward providing a course on advance directives and wills. Commissioner Soriano mentioned that she thinks AARP offers seminars for these programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to March 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.



Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator