

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION  
Thursday, May 1, 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, Vice Chairperson  
Kathy Nolan  
Corazon Soriano  
Wayne Tennille  
Ed Wolfe, Chairperson

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

Absent: Chet Sasaki, excused  
Jim Rowe, excused

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

Mel Panlilio inquired why the municipal golf course does not offer a senior discount. Director Bruns stated that discounts are available by having lower rates than surrounding communities. He was invited to attend the Golf Course Committee meeting on July 17 at the Golf Course, the committee meets quarterly and sets rates annually.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2014 MEETING AS MAILED**

COMMISSIONER KANE MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MARCH 13, 2014, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SORIANO AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS MAILED.

**PRESENTATION BY VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Sandee Hayden, Business Development Representative for the VNA Hospice & Palliative Care of Southern California (VNA) presented information regarding the benefits available for families and individuals needing home health care. Commissioners shared their experiences with loved ones and Ms. Hayden explained the variety of services available at no cost to improve the quality of life of loved ones and their families. She

shared the importance and benefits of having an Advanced Care Directive and the POLST (Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) documents. She explained that these documents are important for everyone 18 years of age and older, not only for seniors. She reported that walkers, wheelchairs and other equipment are available at no cost through the VNA, with no income requirements for anyone needing equipment. Ms. Hayden stated that the VNA is a non-profit organization with 500 employees, serving three counties and all offices are within 50 miles of their service areas.

Ms. Hayden encouraged everyone to visit [www.conversationproject.org](http://www.conversationproject.org), the site was created by a reporter from the Boston Globe to help individuals know what to discuss while preparing their documents and wishes.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**

### **A. Attendance/Participation**

Staff reviewed the purpose of the quarterly reports. Staff reviewed the new format for the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and activity comparison report. Councilmember Bertone suggested presenting the Comparison Report before the City Council to promote the services available.

### **B. Programs and Activities**

Staff reviewed the following programs held in January and February:

March 13	Excursion – Fantasy Springs Casino (2 buses)
March 20	Seminar – 25 Documents Everyone Should Have
March 22	Excursion – In the Mood
March 28	Senior Event – Luck of the Irish Dinner
April 5	Excursion – Pageant of the Lord
April 16	Excursion – Los Alamitos Ranch
April 17	Seasonal – Bunko
April 24	Senior Event – Swing into Spring

Upcoming events and activities include:

May 7-9	Excursion – Monterey Escape (3 days)
May 10	Seasonal – 90+ Birthday Celebrations
May 15	Excursion – The Last, Last Hurrah!
May 22	Excursion – Broadway Tour of America
June 5	Excursion – Gondola Getaway
June 11	Excursion – Taste Buds Delight in Ventura
June 13	Senior Event – Luau
June 19	Seasonal – Bunko
June 25	Excursion – All American Past Time

### **C. Miscellaneous**

Staff announced that the Alzheimer's Association will be leading the Forget Me Not Caregiver Circle on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month beginning on Thursday, May 8 at 11am at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Staff reported that Mt. San Antonio College (MSAC) will be updating the computer lab with 12 new computers. The new computers will be equipped with the Windows 8 operating system. Commissioner Wolfe inquired on the removal of old computers. Staff stated that they belong to MSAC and their staff remove and surplus in accordance to their policy.

Staff invited Commissioners to attend the 90+ Birthday Celebrations to be held at 10am at San Dimas Retirement Center and at 3pm at Emeritus Senior Living on Saturday, May 10. The 90+ Birthday Celebrations are a great way to recognize the contributions and experience shared by our residents. The event is a collaborative with the residential facilities and staff. Refreshments, entertainment, certificates, a souvenir photo and cake are provided to participants and their families during the events. Commissioner Soriano inquired if other events will be held later in the year. Staff stated that Atria Rancho Park hosts a 90+ Birthday Celebration in September.

Staff invited Commissioners to attend a Round-Up at Atria Rancho Park on Thursday, June 19 beginning at 2:30pm. The Round-Up events are a great way to inform the community of programs and services available at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. Commissioner Wolf suggested having SilverTimes newsletters available for residents and transportation information.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported that the current Commission Foundation Money Market account balance is \$5,009.14. The Certificate of Deposit account balance is \$5,086.25 and will mature on August 27, 2014. During the July Senior Commission Meeting staff will review current interest rates and seek direction from the Commission regarding renewal of the account. There are currently no recommendations for expenditures from the accounts. Commissioner Wolfe inquired on the revenue source for the Foundation Account. Manager Raya discussed the Donor Wall as the primary source of revenue for the Foundation Account.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Staff**

1. Delia Lee Confirmed as San Dimas Older American Honoree

Staff reported that a proclamation was presented to Delia Lee during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 8 and the Los Angeles County Older American Honoree Program is scheduled on May 27 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Councilmember Bertone expressed interested in attending the recognition luncheon, but would like Delia Lee to have preference to accommodating her friends and family. Commissioner Soriano inquired if she will compete against other nominees. Staff stated that she will not compete, rather each City's honoree will be recognized individually.

2. Commission term expirations

Director Bruns reported that Commissioners Gross, Sasaki and Wolfe are eligible for one more reappointment. Commissioners Gross and Wolfe would like to continue on the Senior Citizens Commission. Commissioner Sasaki is absent and will be contacted to confirm. Director Bruns stated that applications are currently being accepted for the vacancy left by Commissioner Costanza.

**B. City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Luca Bella Restaurant will be opening at the Walker House. He stated that the chef has experience from high quality restaurants. The restaurant is expected to open in July with lunch and dinner during the week and possibly a Sunday brunch. Once an official grand opening day is confirmed, advertisements and announcements will be made throughout the community.

Councilmember Bertone invited Commissioners to attend upcoming informative meetings on the following dates and locations:

- Assemblyman Chris Holden                      Friday, May 2, 8am                      Community Building
- Senator Carol Liu                                      Friday, May 9, 8am                      Community Building
- Congresswoman Grace Napolitano              Tuesday, May 13, 7:30am              San Dimas Community Hospital

Commissioner Gross inquired on the status of the Grove Project. Councilmember Bertone reported that all 87 town homes are sold.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Gateway project will consist of 280 apartments.

Councilmember Bertone reported that a developer is interested in building 48 homes at the San Dimas Equestrian Center on Foothill Boulevard, which is for sale by the current owner.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Via Verde Care Facility was approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Councilmember Bertone reported that there is a possible development proposed in the Foothills, but is in the initial stages.

**C. Members of the Commission**

Commissioner Tennille stated that he joined the Writer’s Workshop. Per members of the Writer’s Workshop, he suggested having WiFi available at the Senior Center. Commissioner Wolfe stated that it is important to provide WiFi to the seniors who are becoming tech savvy. He encouraged staff to work with Mt. San Antonio College to provide a connection.

Commissioner Nolan will refer a few seniors to the Senior Commission and the computer programs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER KANE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SORIANO.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. to July 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator