

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, September 4, 2014
San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center
201 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kane at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Lou Gross
Maurice Kane, Vice Chairperson
Jim Rowe
Chet Sasaki
Corazon Soriano
Wayne Tennille

John Ebner, Councilmember
Theresa Bruns, Parks and Recreation Director
Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator

Absent: Kathy Nolan, excused
Ed Wolfe, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No audience communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 3, 2014 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER SORIANO MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON JULY 3, 2014, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TENNILLE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS MAILED.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the purpose of the quarterly reports. Staff reviewed quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage and presented the Course Connection, a guide with descriptions of arts, fitness and life-long learning courses offered.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in July and August:

July 11	Senior Event – Young at Heart Dinner Dance
July 17	Excursion – Salute to Heroes
July 27	Excursion – Salsa Festival
August 7	Excursion – Pageant of the Masters
August 13	Senior Event – Fiesta Dinner
August 15	Excursion – A Titanic Experience
August 30	Excursion – Civil War Days

Upcoming events and activities include:

September 3	Excursion – Lions, Tigers and Bears
September 5	Senior Event – Fall Kick-Off Dinner Dance
October 16	Senior Event – Magical Halloween Dinner
October 18	Excursion – Oktoberfest in Big Bear
October 23	Seasonal - Bunko

C. Miscellaneous

Staff shared the positive feedback from passengers who attended the Lions, Tigers and Bears excursion on Wednesday, September 3.

Staff invited commissioners to attend the upcoming holiday dinners scheduled for October 16, November 7 and December 19 at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

Commissioner Tennille inquired on the Ombudsman program that was once housed at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. Staff stated that although their office is now off-site, they continue to serve the San Dimas area. Commissioners were directed to the back page of the SilverTimes Newsletter which lists the phone number to the Ombudsman program and several other valuable resources.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Kane shared the banking research and fund recommendations derived by the Banking Options Sub-Committee. Commissioner Kane thanked Commissioners Soriano and Tennille for their participation in the Banking Options Sub-Committee.

Manager Raya reported that as discussed at the July 3 Senior Commission meeting Bank of America had changed the minimum amount of funds required for the Certificate of Deposit account. Seeking a better investment option the Commission then ESTABLISHED A SUBCOMMITTEE COMPRISED OF COMMISSIONERS KANE, SORIANO, AND TENNILLE, TO REVIEW BANKING OPTIONS TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION. In addition the Commission moved to have staff transfer the CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FUNDS TO THE BUSINESS INTEREST ACCOUNT AT BANK OF AMERICA UPON MATURATION.

Staff distributed a summary of the current balance at Bank of America for the Business Interest Account. The balance is \$10,064.14 at an APR of 0.01%. The Sub-committee had two meetings to discuss and review investment options, and create a list of information about the types of accounts.

The commissioners present received an handout outlining the products offered at F & A Federal Credit Union and summary created by Commissioner Kane. Commissioners reviewed the current fees incurred at Bank of America, discussed the various options and rates offered by F&A Federal Credit Union, and the fund amount distribution per account.

COMMISSIONER TENNILLE MOVED TO CLOSE THE SAN DIMAS SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION ACCOUNT AT BANK OF AMERICA AND MOVE THE FUNDS TO F&A FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AS FOLLOWS: \$7,000 INTO THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AND THE REMAINING BALANCE INTO A CHECKING ACCOUNT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GROSS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

Commissioner Soriano reviewed the Donor Wall Brochure. She suggested contacting the restaurant that is coming to the Walker House to host a fundraiser to benefit the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. Partners may sponsor tables and be featured on the donor wall. Commissioners discussed the benefits of fundraising and the strategies used by successful fundraising organizations.

Director Bruns and Commissioner Soriano agreed that a fundraising goal and a pre-established purpose use should be identified. Commissioner Kane agreed that the effort should have a clearly identified expenditure goal. Commissioner Rowe agreed that all goals and expenditures should be identified prior to the fundraising event and suggested that members of the Commission brainstorm possible uses for the funds. Commissioner Soriano requested that a copy of the be Senior Citizen Commission Foundation bylaws sent via email to all of the commissioners to be reviewed during the November Senior Citizen Commission meeting. She also suggested the creation of a sub-committee to review and redesign the Donor Wall brochure and identify other fundraising options.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Director Bruns stated that the Parks and Recreation Department completed a very successful summer.

Manager Raya invited all commissioners to attend the Fitness Festival on September 27, which feature a 5K Run, 1-Mile Run, 3.5 Bike Ride, vendor booths, and an award presentation; the Bowser Bash on October 11; and the Halloween Carnival on October 31.

Director Bruns stated that Western Days, a Chamber of Commerce program, is scheduled for Saturday, October 4 and 5.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Ebner stated that he was sitting in for Councilmember Bertone and really enjoyed the fundraising discussion.

Councilmember Ebner echoed the multitude of events offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. Councilmember Ebner stated that the restaurant at the Walker House is expected to open in October.

Councilmember Ebner announced that Mark Steres was selected as the City Attorney. Mr. Steres served as Assistant City Attorney alongside the previous City Attorney.

Councilmember Ebner stated the City Council rejected a high-density development proposed for Eucla Avenue at 2nd Street.

Councilmember Ebner stated that the City Council is interested in revitalizing the Downtown and is currently researching decorative tree lighting and sidewalk dining. Commissioner Kane stated that the businesses in downtown Covina used to be open until 4:30pm; but as restaurants opened other establishments remain opened later creating a livelier area.

Councilmember Ebner inquired on the feasibility of angled parking in the Downtown corridor. Commissioner shared that it works for La Verne but the streets are wider. Councilmember Ebner stated that the streets could be wider, but planters were added in the late 1970s.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Tennille shared that the Writer's Workshop members were disappointed that WiFi is not available at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. He inquired on the replacement of the plaque missing from the Senior Citizen/Community Center. Director Bruns stated that there is no record of the wording on the original plaque, but it is intended to be replaced. Commissioner Tennille said he would look through his picture files.

Commissioner Rowe stated that the Swim and Racquet Club is very depressing due to brown paint. He suggested having a new the facility layout, new weights, and other fitness equipment replaced.

Commissioner Gross stated that the Public Works department is wonderful, but notices regarding construction projects should be made in ways other than by email and website only. Commissioner Corazon suggested posting a notice on the KWST station and having notices at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER ROWE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SORIANO.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. to November 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.



Erica Rodríguez, Recreation Coordinator