CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, January 15, 2015
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 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

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

Absent:

Lou Gross, unexcused
Corazon Soriano, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

Councilmember Ebiner attended the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2014 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SASAKI AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS MAILED.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage report and highlighted the upcoming Toast to 2015 special event at the senior center. Staff reported a drop in walk-ins and call-ins was evident in the fourth quarter and may be due to staffing changes and inconsistencies in tracking attendance.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in November and December:

November 7	Senior Event – Thanksgiving Dinner
November 15	Excursion – All Rise
November 20	Excursion – Valley View Casino (2 buses)
December 3	Excursion – Time and Space
December 10	Excursion – Time and Space
December 14	Excursion – Hit the Road Jack
December 19	Senior Event – Christmas Dinner

Upcoming events and activities include:

January 23	Senior Event – A Toast to 2015
January 22	Excursion – Harrah's Casino (2 buses)
February 11	Excursion – LA Getaway
February 19	Excursion – Showtime at the USO

C. Miscellaneous

Staff announced that Florabel David is the new Intervale Senior Services Site Manager for the Chuckwagon Lunch Program. It was noted that although the numbers are higher for the year, the fourth quarter attendance was lower. The drop may be attributed to holidays occurring during days with higher attendance and natural attrition by participants. Staff will be conducting a quality control survey to ensure the continued success of the program.

REVIEW OF PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF 2015 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 24, 2015. The Commission reviewed the nomination application and list of past honorees.

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTION PROCESS AND NOMINATION FORM FOR THE 2015 OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SASAKI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UPDATE ON THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION BYLAW REVIEW FROM THE BYLAW REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

Staff distributed a copy of the Senior Citizen Commission Foundation bylaws as revised by the Bylaws Subcommittee. Commissioner Kane stated that Commissioners Tennille, Sasaki and Wolfe comprise the Bylaws Review Subcommittee. He reported that the changes included clarifying staff roles, establishing the co-terminance of Senior Citizen Commission and Senior Citizens Commission Foundation; and creating consistency in the terminology. The Subcommittee will continue to review the bylaws and will consider the inclusion of ad hoc committee members in the bylaws.

Director Bruns thanked the members of the Bylaws Review Subcommittee for their dedication, knowledge and diligence in the process. She stated that the bylaws were created 30 years ago and the current Commission possesses the skills and passion to successfully guide the review process.

Manager Raya expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm displayed the Bylaw Review Subcommittee. Commissioner Kane stated that the process is enjoyable. Commissioner Wolfe stated that ensuring that the bylaws do not conflict with the procedures and roles established by the Senior Citizen Commission Handbook is a priority.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

As required by the Senior Citizens Commission Foundation Bylaws, staff distributed the 2014 Annual Report. On January 1, 2014 the starting balance was $10,093.72 and the account was held at Bank of America. The total revenue received in 2014 was $279.28, with $110.00 in expenditures. On October 8, 2014 the funds were transferred to F&A Federal Credit Union. The ending balance was $10,263.00 on December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Kane inquired on the possibility of posting the annual report on-line. Director Bruns stated that although the documents are not posted on-line, the minutes provide a narrative of all reports presented. Commissioner Tennille stated that the Senior Citizen Commission minutes should suffice reporting requirements.

Commissioner Kane inquired about the experience thus far with F & A Federal Credit Union. Manager Raya stated that the customer service has been outstanding. Director Bruns stated that F & A Federal Credit Union is familiar with the unique needs of foundation accounts.

Director Bruns stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff are working on a revitalization project for Marchant Park. The revitalization project may include demolishing and replacing the restrooms. A grant application for $300,000 was submitted for the proposed expantion of the recreation building. These funds are in addition to the Park Development fees that will fund the project. Councilmember Bertone thanked staff for pursuing additional grants and additional funding to complete improvements and projects. Director Bruns explained the various funding sources are utilized by staff to revitalize the community and maximize the interests of San Dimas residents.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone reported that the current trend in development is to have large homes on small lots. He stated that the City Council has decided that developments with lots less than 7,500 square feet will not be accepted.

Councilmember Bertone announced that Luca Bella at the Walker House does not have an official opening date.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Walnut Creek Development received $850, 000 in funding from Supervisor Antonovich's office. The land is co-owned by the City of San Dimas and the Mountains and Rivers Conservancy. The project is currently undergoing the California Environmental Quality Impact Analysis (CEQA).

Councilmember Bertone stated that a new medical facility will be opened in the Via Verde area near the Fire Station.

Councilmember Bertone stated the City budget is strong with an excess of $14 million in reserves. Commissioner Wolfe stated that the City of San Dimas is one of the only cities operating with a balanced budget. Councilmember Bertone credited past City Manager Bob Poff and current City Manager Blaine Michaelis for setting conservative budgeting practices.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Tennille suggested inviting the Senior Center Clubs to the Senior Citizen Commission meeting for input and suggestions. Director Bruns stated that the Recreation Commission hosted successful Community Meetings. A Community Meeting can be scheduled to collect suggestions from service groups and programs at the San Dimas Senior Citizen Community Center.

Commissioner Kane inquired on the status of the Gold Line. Councilmember Bertone stated that the Gold Line is tentatively projected to arrive in 2022 and a station is proposed at the City Yard located on Walnut Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KANE.
The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. to March 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator