

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION  
Thursday, March 5, 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 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Maurice Kane, Chairperson  
Lou Gross  
Chet Sasaki  
Corazon Soriano  
Jim Rowe, Vice Chairperson  
Wayne Tennille  
Ed Wolfe

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

Absent:

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

No audience communication.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015 MEETING AS MAILED**

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2015, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TENNILLE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AS MAILED.

**REPORT FROM THE SAN DIMAS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

Linda Groth, San Dimas Senior Citizens Club Treasurer, reported that the Senior Citizens Club was able to upgrade the Bingo system totaling \$19,894 and donate \$15,400 in 2014. Donation recipients included:

- City of San Dimas for Bingo Utilities & Special Events (\$6,000)
- City of San Dimas, Mt. San Dimas snow slides (\$2,500)
- Community Church Hunger Program (\$100)

- Los Angeles County Fair Bus Program (\$100)
- McKinley Children’s Center (\$500)
- Rotary Club – Chaparral Event (\$1,000)
- Scholarships (\$5,200)

Councilmember Bertone stated that they are not required to contribute to the City of San Dimas, but commended their dedication to the residents of San Dimas.

Commissioner Gross inquired on the location of bingo and attendance. Ms. Groth stated that bingo is held at the Community Building on Tuesday at 12:30pm. Ms. Welch, San Dimas Senior Citizen Club member, stated that approximately 130 people are in attendance weekly and bingo is not limited to seniors only. She commended Carol Touchette and Debbie Malouf for their hard work and creativity. Ms. Groth thanked the City of San Dimas for the funds donated during the curbside painting. Commissioner Soriano inquired if they have a list of donors that provide them donations on a regular basis. Ms. Welch stated that they do not solicit donations with the exception of gift cards for their annual luncheon, but donations are never rejected.

Commissioner Kane invited Senior Club members to the Funsters Square Dance group hosted at Covina United Methodist on the first Saturday of every month from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

**SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**

**A. Attendance/Participation**

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage report and highlighted the upcoming special events at the senior center.

Staff reported that a Round Up is scheduled at Sunnyside Apartments on April 16 at 4pm.

**B. Programs and Activities**

Staff reviewed the following programs held in January and February:

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

Upcoming events and activities include:

March 20	Senior Event – St. Paddy’s Potato Dinner
March 18	Excursion – Temecula Wine Tour
April 8	Excursion – Fantasy Springs Casino (2 Buses)
April 10	Senior Event – Game Show Dinner
April 23	Excursion – Reagan Library

C. Miscellaneous

Staff announced that during the month of February programs hosted in the Multi-purpose Room were relocated to the Community Building. This affected the lunch program, Mt. San Antonio College classes, the February special event, and the Club 440.

The Alzheimer's Group is postponed due to a staffing change with the Alzheimer's' Association.

Staff is currently looking for volunteers for Tech Thursday.

The yearly lunch program survey was postponed to March since some regular participants did not attend the lunch program during the relocation. A Chuckwagon Lunch Program report will be presented during the May Senior Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Kane inquired on previous patterns that can cause a dramatic decrease in the numbers recorded during the first quarter. Staff stated that weather is a key predictor because the first quarter tends to have many rainy days, holidays or program cancellations during peak attendance days, which are Tuesday through Thursday, will also result in drastic decreases. Staff stated that in January holidays were held on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and a half day was held on Friday so that will greatly affect the tally for lunch, but a survey will be conducted to ensure that there is not a quality issue with the program.

Commissioner Sasaki stated that the Alzheimer's and Bereavement group have a small attendance. Staff stated that support groups tend to vary in attendance depending on the topic and need. Alzheimer's caregivers are a very specific niche and the caregivers must also find other care arrangements in order to attend.

**REVIEW OF PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF 2015 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE**

Staff reviewed the criteria for the San Dimas Older American Honoree Award and presented a summary of the nominations received. Staff stated that 14 nomination forms were received for three nominees. The Commission reviewed and discussed the nominations. Director Bruns stated that the nomination process is a confidential selection process and the discussion is to be kept within the Commission and the nomination summary is to be returned to staff and not distributed.

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 scheduled for Thursday, May 21 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Older American Nominee, Nancy Wilson is recommended by majority vote 4-3 as the 2015 Older American Honoree.

## **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 revisions suggested will be reviewed by the City Attorney. The revisions included:

- Refining the purpose of the Foundation
- Populating the document with consistent language.
- Establishing the roles and function of staff.
- Updating procedures to reflect the current practices of the Foundation.
- Clearly defining the scope of the Foundation and the roles of future committees.
- Clearly defining the role of Directors with regards to their authority over staff positions
- Ensuring consistency with City ordinances and the Commission hand book.

Commissioner Tennille commented that the revised bylaws narrow the purpose of the Senior Citizen Commission Foundation. Commissioner Wolfe commented that the revisions eliminate superfluous language and clearly define the intended function of the Senior Citizen Commission Foundation. Commissioner Kane stated that the revised bylaws have greater legitimacy and are a more effective guide for actions since they have a clearly defined directive.

Staff will submit the bylaws to the City Attorney for review. Commissioners should review the text and prepare to discuss them during the May Commission meeting.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. Staff**

Staff invited Commissioners to attend the Family Festival and Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28 at the Civic Center or the Easter Egg Hunt at Via Verde Park.

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

Councilmember Bertone stated that incumbents Councilmember Badar and Ebner won the election.

Councilmember Bertone stated single family homes are required to be on lots greater than or equal to 7500 square feet.

Councilmember Bertone stated the Walker House Restaurant is expected to open by the end of the month.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the City Council is committed to updating the downtown with the Boardwalk Replacement Project.

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

Commissioner Gross stated that his neighbors are running their pools and has had problems with the noise level. Director Bruns stated that she will meet with him to review his concerns.

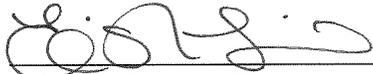
Commissioner Sasaki stated that Adult Day Care is greatly needed. Staff will inquire with Community Senior Services regarding statistics and possible service providers for referral.

Commissioner Rowe inquired on contacts for hospice care. Staff will provide him with resources.

Commissioner Tennille distributed a copy of the article, "Law and order for seniors," which appeared in the February 23, 2015 issue of the Los Angeles Times newspaper.

**ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SORIANO.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to May 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.



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Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator