CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, July 2, 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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Maurice Kane, Chairperson
Jim Rowe, Vice Chairperson
Chet Sasaki
James Shirley
Sue Welch

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

Absent:
Corazon Soriano, excused
Wayne Tennille
Ed Wolfe, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No audience communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2015 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER WELCH MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MAY 7, 2015, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage report and highlighted an increase in attendance during the Chuckwagon Lunch Program for the month of June at the Senior Center.

Staff reported a consistent increase in participation during the chair exercise class, yoga class and the monthly special event dinners. As a result, the yoga class sponsored by Mt. San Antonio College on Tuesdays was relocated to the Community Building. Staff thanked the San Dimas Senior Citizens Club Bingo Committee for their cooperation in the relocation process.

Staff stated that an Alzheimer's Seminar was hosted on June 24 by Dr. Vincent Fortanasce, Clinical Professor of Neurology at the University of Southern California.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in May and June:

May 7	Excursion – In Full Bloom
May 9	Seasonal Event – 90+ Birthdays at Atria Rancho Park & San Dimas Retirement Center
May 20-22	Excursion – Las Vegas (3 Day)
May 28	Seasonal Event – Senior Volunteer Reception
June 4	Excursion – Amphibious Voyage
June 17	Excursion – Valley View Casino (2 Buses)
June 19	Senior Event – Luau Dinner
June 27	Excursion – All Shook Up

Upcoming events and activities include:

July 11	Excursion – Diamond Experience
July 23	Excursion – Pageant of the Masters
July 26	Excursion – Salsa Festival
July 28	Seasonal Event – Murder Mystery
August 8	Excursion – Hornblower Cruise
August 13	Excursion – Giddy Up at Del Mar
August 21	Senior Event – Flower Power Dinner
August 26	Excursion – Dining with the Royals

C. Miscellaneous

Staff announced that beginning July 8; the Movie Bandit program will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

Staff reported that a Round-Up Social was held at Atria Rancho Park on June 18 at 3pm. Staff invited Commissioners to the upcoming Round-Up scheduled at Charter Oak Mobile Park at 10am on August 13. Commissioners Shirley and Welch expressed interest in attending.

Staff announced that a Managers Exchange meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 31 at the San Dimas Senior Citizens/Community Center. The Exchange attempts to create a dialogue between senior housing facilities to identify and address social needs.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION

A. Quarterly Financial Report

Manager Raya briefly reviewed the banking history and the research conducted by the Banking Subcommittee which led to selecting the current banking institution, F&A Federal Credit Union. He reported that for the bank

statement ending on June 30, 2015, the Commission Foundation Checking account balance is $135.97 and the Money Market account balance is $10,148.17. There are currently no recommendations for expenditures from the accounts.

B. Bylaws Update

Manger Raya reported that the City Attorney reviewed the bylaws and provided a template. He stated that staff transferred the text developed by the Bylaws Subcommittee into the new format and ensured that all areas are reflected in the new document.

Commissioner Rowe inquired if the City Attorney's recommendation were required or suggested. Director Bruns responded that the recommended template was highly important in order to meet the corporation guidelines and comply with the Brown Act. Councilmember Bertone suggested providing a copy to Mayor Morris for review.

Commissioner Kane and Sasaki suggested distributing the bylaws to all subcommittee members next week. Any recommendations should be submitted to staff by July 13. The revised document will be sent to the City Attorney then reviewed by the Senior Citizens Commission prior to submission to the City Council for approval.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff

Director Bruns stated that the City Council adopted a balanced budget. She stated that the Parks and Recreation Department will oversee 9 of the 15 capital projects slated for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Projects include medians which will be retrofitted to meet the new water restrictions, redesigning playgrounds and restrooms to meet ADA requirements, and trails. She reported that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Walnut Creek Open Space Project is currently on hold while additional options for egress and ingress are reviewed.

Councilmember Bertone acknowledged Director Bruns outstanding accomplishment in securing various grants. Director Bruns stated that $250,000 was secured for Marchant Park and $104,300 was secured for Pioneer Park.

Manager Raya announced the passing of Commissioner Gross on June 21. A card was distributed amongst the Commissioners for signature and will be sent to Commissioner Gross's daughter on their behalf. City Council will move to fill the vacancy.

B. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone announced that Commissioner Wolfe was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Bertone reported that water usage was reduced by 30% in the city.

Councilmember Bertone invited Commissioners to attend the Music in the Park Concerts at 7pm on Wednesdays. Councilmember Bertone stated that a City Council Study Session will be held on July 14 at 5pm to review the recommendation for trees, facades, sidewalks and other improvements to Downtown Bonita Avenue.

Councilmember Bertone stated that City Council is studying the lot on the corner of Bonita Avenue and Cataract Avenue for its potential as a hotel.

Councilmember Bertone announced that the Gold Line entrance is expected to be along Arrow Highway and the station may be located at what is now the City Yard. He stated that San Dimas is part of Phase 2B which is expected to be completed by the year 2022, if funding is secured.

Commissioner Welch inquired on water rebates and Councilmember Bertone stated that the City is not offering water rebates but she may contact her utility company for information regarding rebates and other discounts.

C. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Shirley stated that many seniors are in need of Veterans Affairs retirement information. He is interested in sharing information he receives from AARP. Staff suggested providing a copy of the material which may be reprinted in the SilverTimes Newsletter.

Commissioner Welch thanked staff for adding another movie day. Staff thanked Commissioner Welch for always providing a movie for the Movie Bandit drawing.

Commissioner Sasaki acknowledged staff for the outstanding statistics in June.

Commissioner Rowe shared an anecdote of Commissioner Gross in his young military days and commented on his positive and good nature.

Commissioner Kane urged the Commissioners to be vigilant and aware of the many scams prevalent in today's society. Commissioner Sasaki shared a recent situation experienced by a client. Staff distributed fliers and invited Commissioners to the upcoming Scam Stoppers Seminar scheduled at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center on October 8. The event will be hosted by in collaboration with Assemblyman Holden and Senator Liu. The free event will feature speakers and information from the Contractors State License Board and the Federal Trade Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER WELCH MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SASAKI.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. to September 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator