CITY OF SAN DIMAS
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
Thursday, September 3, 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
Jay Pace
Jim Rowe, Vice Chairperson
Chet Sasaki
James Shirley
Corazon Soriano
Sue Welch
Ed Wolfe

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

Absent: Wayne Tennille, excused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No audience communication.

Commissioner Kane welcomed Commissioner Pace to the Senior Citizens Commission and she introduced herself to the commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2015 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON JULY 2, 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 July and August at the Senior Center, this is

an average decrease of 4-7 people per day. Staff will continue to monitor the program. Commissioner Shirley stated that many patrons were on vacation during the summer months.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in July and August:

July 11	Excursion – Diamond Experience
July 23	Excursion – Pageant of the Masters
July 26	Excursion – Salsa Festival
July 28	Senior 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

Upcoming events and activities include:

September 10	Seasonal – San Dimas Day at the Fair
September 12	Excursion – Catalina
September 18	Senior Event – Safari Dinner
October 8	Seasonal – Scam Stoppers
October 10	Excursion – Big Bear Oktoberfest
October 14	Excursion – Pechanga Casino
October 22	Senior Event – Haunted Halloween Ball
October 29	Seasonal – Flu Shot Clinic

C. Miscellaneous

Staff announced that Assemblyman Chris Holden and Senator Carol Liu will be hosting a Scam Stoppers Seminar on Thursday, October 8 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center. Representatives from the Contractors Licensing Board and the Federal Trade Commission will be on hand to present information regarding many forms of fraud.

Staff announced that the Flu Shot Clinic will be hosted on Thursday, October 29 from 9am to 11am at the Plummer Community Building. The clinic is free to everyone 6 months of age and older. It is highly recommended for individuals between the ages of 6 months to 18 years, or older than 50 years.

Staff thanked many Commissioners who attended the Murder Mystery, which was a huge success. Staff noted that the senior monthly events are well attended and the decorations highlight the theme. Staff invited Commissioners to attend the upcoming events in September and October.

Staff stated that Recreation Specialist Orlando Soto is the newest member of the Senior Center team.

Staff announced that a fourth movie day was added by popular demand and thanked Commissioner Welch for her assistance.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION

A. Review and Approved Revised Bylaws

Manager Raya presented a brief history of the bylaw review process and intent; he distributed a staff report with the proposed bylaws as recommended by the City Attorney. Commissioners reviewed each revision for discussion.

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS AS PRESENTED AND FORWARD TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SORIANO AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Manager Raya thanked the Commissioners for their service.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

B. Staff

Manager Raya invited commissioners to attend the Fitness Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 26 from 6:30am to 11am. The event will feature a 5K Run, bike ride, information expo, breakfast and new this year, a Toddler Trot.

He invited them to the upcoming fall events including:

October 2	Western Days Movie Night
October 31	Halloween Spectacular
November 14	Bowser Bash
December 5	Holiday Extravaganza

Commissioner Wolfe stated that the Chamber Ensemble is available to perform at Rhoads Park at 5pm, prior to the official Christmas Tree Lighting.

C. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone stated that local heroes will be recognized on September 10 during the San Dimas Day at the Fair parade.

Councilmember Bertone reported that construction at the West Grove Station is underway with 6 housing units and other live/work units.

Councilmember Bertone stated that 60 homes are expected to be built in the Northern Foothills.

Councilmember Bertone stated that 20 homes are proposed near the Equestrian Center between Gladstone Avenue and Allen Avenue.

Councilmember Bertone invited Commissioners to attend the Western Days & Music Festival on October 3rd and 4th.

Councilmember Bertone shared the renovation soon to take place at Marchant Park. Director Bruns outlined the project to include new ADA accessible pathways, restrooms, and playground equipment. The project is

estimated at $1.5-million with the bulk of the cost to be paid with Quimby Fees from the Bonita Gateway Development at the corner of San Dimas Canyon road and Bonita Avenue.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the City Council has selected an architect to design the facades in the Downtown. The complete revitalization will include sidewalks, trees, and new lighting. The project is slated to begin March 2016. Commissioner Pace thanked Council for the beautiful lights in the Downtown.

D. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Wolfe distributed a synopsis of AB 1378 which passed 36-0 in the Senate. He expressed concern that the M & E Machinery site appears to be abandoned and filled with unattended machinery. Residents near the site have reported an increase in transients. Director Bruns stated that she will notify the Sheriff Captain. Councilmember Bertone thanked Commissioners Sasaki and Wolfe for representing the City of San Dimas on Assemblymember Holden's newly formed Advisory Council.

Commissioner Rowe is concerned that vacant homes for sale may be burglarized; his daughter's home was burglarized while vacant for sale. He stated that Silver Sneakers does not recognize Kaiser Permanente, Manager Raya will research a possible collaboration.

Commissioner Pace reported that the Chuckwagon Lunch Program suggested donation has increased from $2 to $3 for participants 60 years of age and older, but they no longer provide a soup with every meal. She stated that she attends an Advisory meeting with representatives of Intervale Senior Services and they are aware of the concerns regarding meal quality and the lack of soup. Commissioner Pace state that she will be at the next Advisory meeting scheduled for November. Staff will contact Don Herring, Intervale Senior Services Director and meet with the Director's Exchange, a senior center advisory group and present their feedback at the next meeting.

Commissioner Shirley stated that participants have requested more soup during lunch. During the past 2-3 months the soup was reduced to a few times a week instead of every day. He inquired if a work center was going to open near the Via Verde Fire Station. Councilmember Bertone stated that it is a Rehabilitation Center with 20 beds for spinal and brain injuries.

Commissioner Sasaki requested an updated Senior Commission contact roster. All commissioners in attendance agreed to release their personal information. Staff will contact Commissioner Tennille. Contact rosters may be distributed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER WOLFE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SORIANO.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. to November 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator