

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Maurice Kane, Chairperson
Jay Pace
Jim Rowe, Vice Chairperson
Chet Sasaki
James Shirley
Wayne Tennille
Sue Welch
Ed Wolfe

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

Absent: Corazon Soriano, unexcused

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION

No audience communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 MEETING AS MAILED

COMMISSIONER WELCH MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2015, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PACE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

A. Attendance/Participation

Staff reviewed the quarterly Senior Citizen/Community Center usage report and highlighted a decrease in attendance during the Chuckwagon Lunch Program for the month of July and August; this is an average decrease of 4-7 people per day. However the numbers increased for the month of October.

B. Programs and Activities

Staff reviewed the following programs held in September and October:

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

Upcoming events and activities include:

November 7	Excursion – Arsenic and Old Lace
November 13	Senior Event – Thanksgiving Dinner
November 20	Excursion – California Gold
December 2	Excursion – Spaghetti and Sparkle
December 6	Excursion – Tamale Festival
December 18	Senior Event – Holiday Dinner

C. Miscellaneous

Staff announced that the Flu Shot Clinic was held on Thursday, October 29 from 9am to 11am at the Plummer Community Building. A total of 112 participants attended the event which included an Information Fair and refreshments.

Staff shared the success of the special events and trips during the fall schedule. Both trips and dinner parties are selling out and receive positive feedback from participants. Commissioners were invited to attend upcoming events. Councilmember Bertone inquired on the bus company used and the process for selecting staff. Staff stated that Inland Empire Charter Bus Company is contracted for transportation and trips are selected based on participant recommendation. Trips are organized by the bus company or by staff.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION

A. Update on Bylaw Approval

Manager Raya reviewed the bylaws update process, the Bylaw Subcommittee work, and thanked the members of the Bylaw Subcommittee. The bylaws for the Senior Citizens Commission Foundation were reviewed by the City Attorney and approved by the City Council on September 3, 2015. An approved copy of the newly Amended and Restated Bylaws was distributed.

B. Quarterly Financial Report

Staff reported that for the bank statement ending on September 30, 2015, the Commission Foundation Checking account balance is \$136.09 and the Money Market account balance is \$10,166.09. The Savings account maintains the \$5.00 minimum required to hold accounts with F&A Federal Credit Union. The total account balance at F&A Credit Union is \$10,307.18. There are currently no recommendations for expenditures from the accounts.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

C. Staff

A recently completed survey of the Chuckwagon Lunch Program indicates that participants are generally happy with the program. The average daily attendance for lunch is 70. A total of 51 surveys were collected. Based on the surveys received 98% would recommend the Chuckwagon Lunch Program and the San Dimas Senior Center to friends, 81% rate the Chuckwagon Lunch Program as “good” or “excellent”, and 98% rate the staff as “good” or “excellent”. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the recent increase in meal cost which coincided with the elimination of soup during three days of the week. Staff contacted Don Herring, Intervale Senior Services Director, who stated that the decrease in soup was necessary for financial solvency and that the soup was a meal enhancement and not required for nutrition or nutrient balanced. Director Herring also invited members of the Commission to attend the Site Council meetings which occur every other month. Commissioner Pace currently attends and Commissioner Shirley expressed interest in attending. Staff contacted the City of La Verne who also had a slight decrease in attendance during July – September. Staff will continue to monitor the Chuckwagon Lunch Program.

Staff distributed an updated Senior Citizens Commission contact roster.

Kaiser Permanente has a support program for their members who wish to attend fitness and health centers. Manager Raya stated that he submitted the Swim and Racquet Club information for consideration as a service provider to Kaiser Permanente members. It appears that they provide a discount for members to attend fitness clubs.

D. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Bertone reported that the City Budget is “sound” with a \$17 million surplus.

Councilmember Bertone stated that medians are being redesigned due to the drought. Staff retrofitted three medians with drought tolerant plants. Contracts are out to bid to retrofit other medians throughout the City.

Councilmember Bertone announced that two local equestrian centers will be closing and are proposed to become residential developments.

Councilmember Bertone stated that the Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa is complete and service is expected to begin in March 2016. The next phase, from Azusa to Montclair, is tentatively scheduled to be completed by 2022.

E. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Pace inquired if staff had received concerns regarding a service dog during the Chuckwagon Lunch Program. Staff stated that they have spoken with the owner of the service animal and discussed that the animal was welcome and the expectations for its behavior while at the Senior Center. Staff have not had any complaints regarding the service animal.

Commissioner Welch stated that the movies are well attended and have increased since the addition of another movie day.

Commissioner Sasaki reported that Assemblyman Holden's Committee is meeting and sharing ideas related to the needs of seniors. He stated that the directions and purpose of the committee is also being determined.

Commissioner Rowe inquired if the activities and performance schedule available at the Performance Art Center can be presented to the seniors. Staff referred Commissioner Rowe to the Performing Arts Center website.

Commissioner Tennille announced that he has finished writing and publishing his book, based on his grandfather's stories. It is available on Amazon.com through "Createspace". He also inquired on the possibility of having Wi-Fi at the Senior Center. Director Bruns stated that at it is currently City policy not to offer Wi-Fi at any facility, but will keep the request on an interest list.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER TENNILLE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WELCH.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. to January 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.


Erica Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator