



MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER – MEETING ROOM 6:00PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wolfe at 5:58 pm

Roll Call

Present: Ed Wolfe, Chairperson
Maurice Kane, Vice Chairperson
Jay Pace
James Shirley
Veronica Saucedo
Wayne Tennille
Corazon Soriano
Paul Brosche

Also Present: Denis Bertone, Councilmember
Hector Kistemann, Director of Parks and Recreation
Leon Raya, Recreation Manager
Joseph Jones, Recreation Supervisor
Genevieve Amaro, Departmental Assistant

Absent: NONE

Audience Communication: Diana Roberts, President of the San Dimas Senior Club.

1. **Special Agenda Item- None**
2. **Reports of Staff/Members**

A. Director's Report

Mr. Kistemann addressed some concerns that were brought to the Commission's attention at the previous meeting regarding the current lunch program with regards to seniors receiving boxed lunches. Serving boxed lunches was at the request of the program site manager during the time in which maintenance issues were being addressed in the Multi-Purpose Room. These issues have since been addressed by bringing out the company that currently services the building for pest control as well as our cleaning custodial crew.

B. Program/Activities/Participation Report

Mr. Jones reported the events and trips for the month. January 14, Pala Casino trip was sold out, January 18, Lets Pop Bottles Dinner- was sold out, January 31, trip to see Mamma Mia, was sold out, February 20, Duets to Palm Springs, was also sold out, February 27, Palm Desert trip was also sold out.

Mr. Jones mentioned two new senior evening classes that have been added by Mt. SAC, which are an Excel computer class and yoga class. Currently the Excel class is full and the yoga class has an average of 25 participants weekly.



Mr. Raya stated that the goal for Coordinator Borba has been to expand the senior services to later hours of the day. This would accommodate those that may be interested in participating in evening classes/activities. He stated Coordinator Borba has done a wonderful job.

Mr. Jones announced the computer lab located at the Senior Center, now has open hours on Tuesday, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and Thursdays, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. He stated we are currently in the process of obtaining a metric analysis of all additional Active registration by the beginning of summer this year.

Mr. Raya explained further about the Active software in which we accept our registration. Using this software will provide us with additional reports and trends of classes. The goal is to add all of the current free Mt. SAC classes that are being offered to the public, to Active software, to better track the amount of attendees.

Mr. Jones presented the new senior registration form for anyone interested in participating in activities or programs. This will be added into Active and will be a downloadable document to work as a registration and an emergency contact form.

Commissioner Pace inquired if the Senior Club membership information could be added to the registration form.

Mr. Raya stated this could be added to the registration form through Active to filter those that are interested in signing up with the Senior Club.

C. Chair's Report

Chairperson Wolfe recommended the Commission add an additional Commissioner to the group and had recommended the following three potential candidates, Bob O'lander, Vicki Jacobs and Debbie Malouf. He then stated the Commission should look at the costs for tuning the Senior Center's piano and the purchase of a television for the Senior Center lobby.

D. Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Kane expressed the feedback he received regarding the Swinging for Seniors event, such as; the request for additional music genre to be added to the repertoire.

Commissioner Soriano suggested having the same band come back for the event but to expand the music selection to be played during the event.

Chairperson Wolfe stated this is a current agenda item of discussion and will be discussed further later this evening.

E. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Bertone informed the Commission of the new Mexican restaurant that will be built where the Starberry Farms was previously located. This will be going to the Planning Commission within the month. In addition, the equestrian property that is located across the street has been purchased and the property owners may potentially build houses on this property however the problem is hydrology. The current owners have been working with the City to see what they would have to do to in order to



potentially build those houses. Councilmember Bertone announced that the Antonovich Trail has reopened since the pavement of the trail head was completed.

3. **Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of Minutes for January 3, 2019
Commissioner Kane motioned to approve the January 3, 2019 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Saucedo and passed unanimously.

4. **New Business**

- A. ACTION ITEMS: Selection of the 2019 Older American Honoree
Mr. Jones provided handouts to the Commission that provided information on the two nominees. There were eight nominations for Pam Johnson and eight nominations for Freda Sarenhraz.

CHAIRPERSON WOLFE SUGGESTED THE COMMISSION PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION THIS EVENING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAUCEDO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission had an anonymous vote which named Freda Sarenhraz as the selected recommendation of the Senior Commission.

COMMISSIONER KANE MOTIONED TO FORMALLY APPROVE FREDA AS THE SENIOR COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MAY AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PACE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Commissioner Brosche praised Chairperson Wolfe for the work that was done for the Swinging for Senior's event and commended him on the music and all the musicians that came out. He stated the live band entertainment was not part of the budget and was contributed by Chairperson Wolfe. Commissioner Brosche stated this would be an area the Commission should take into consideration for the next year's event.

5. **Senior Citizen Commission Foundation**

- A. Request for Expenditure for Television in South Lobby
Mr. Kistemann reported that the City will be purchasing new furniture for the Senior Center lobby. He suggested the Foundation decide on the size of the television they wish to purchase.

Director Brosche suggested the Foundation proceed with purchasing the television and sound bar.

Mr. Raya recommended the Staff consult with the City's IT Manager to get a recommendation.

DIRECTOR KANE MOTIONED THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION FOUNDATION ALLOCATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750 FOR THE PURCHASE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY I.T. MANAGER FOR THE TELEVISION OF APPROXIMATELY 70 INCH DEMENSION FOR INSTALLATION IN THE SOUTH LOBBY AND SOUND BOARD, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SORIANO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



- B. Recommendation for Dinner Dance Planning Committee
Mr. Raya announced that Staff is available to work with the Commission Foundations Planning Committee once it has been assembled.

The following individuals volunteered to be a part of the event planning committee:

Director Kane
Director Saucedo
Director Tennille
Director Shirley
Director Soriano
Director Wolfe
Councilmember Bertone

It was announced there will be a planning committee meeting on April 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the next dance event.

- C. Commission Foundation Reimbursement to the City of San Dimas
Mr. Raya confirmed the City was reimbursed for a portion of the Swinging for Seniors event.

6. **Continued Items**

- A. Meal Service Report

Mr. Jones reviewed the handouts that were provided to the Commission. The Chuck Wagon Lunch service survey was completed in 2017 with 72 surveys completed and again in 2019 with 68 surveys completed. After reviewing the survey questions and responses, Mr. Jones indicated there was a considerable increase in negative feedback in regards to the program for the past few years.

Chairperson Wolfe reiterated the survey showed 95% stated they would still continue with the program because it is also a social hour. This meaning, it is necessary to upgrade the areas that were illustrated by the survey.

Commissioner Brosche stated that after reviewing the survey notes, the experience itself is the area in which there are issues more so than the quality of food.

Chairperson Wolfe stated this might be a culmination of several issues. He inquired if it would be possible to reach out to the City of Glendora and the City of La Verne to see if they are satisfied with YWCA's service.

Mr. Raya stated this would be a good suggestion and they would reach out to the staff members of those cities to obtain additional feedback.

Mr. Raya stated the following action Items will be addressed by Staff:

- Follow up with YWCA Program Manager and Site Manager
- Staff will reach out to the City of La Verne and City of Glendora to obtain feedback regarding YWCA

7. **Written Communication-NONE**

8. **Oral Communication-NONE**



9. **Future Agenda Items**

Follow up regarding the special meeting in April.

Further discussion regarding the purchase of the television

Follow up regarding the current vacancy in the Senior Citizen Commission.

Adjournment

CHAIRPERSON WOLFE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SORIANO. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



Genevieve Amaro, Departmental Assistant



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