MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kistemann at 6:00 pm

Roll Call
Present:  Ed Wolfe, Chairperson
          James Shirley
          Jay Pace
          Veronica Saucedo
          Paul Brosche
          Barbara Jean Politano
          Pamla Johnson
          Nancy Brewster

Also Present: Denis Bertone, Councilmember
              Hector Kistemann, Director of Parks and Recreation
              Dominique Borba, Recreation Coordinator
              Genevieve Amaro, Departmental Assistant
              Joseph Jones, Recreation Supervisor
              Tim Pagano, Recreation Manager

Absent: NONE

Audience Communication- Wayne Tennille stated he was grateful for being a part of the Commission for three consecutive years and plans to continue attending these meetings but as an audience member as well as volunteering with the fundraiser.

1. Special Agenda Item-
   City Clerk Ms. Black sworn in Commissioner Politano, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Brewster to the Senior Citizens Commission.

   Newly appointed Commissioner Politano, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Brewster were welcomed as the newest members of the Senior Commission. Each Commissioner introduced themselves as well as the staff members. Mr. Pagano, Recreation Manager also introduced himself to the Commission, as this was his first meeting with them.

   COMMISSIONER SAUCEDO NOMINATED TO RE-ELECT COMMISSIONER WOLFE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

   COMMISSIONER BROSCHE NOMINATED COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY AS VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAUCEDO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Reports of Staff/Members

A. Director’s Report

Mr. Kistemann discussed with the Commission his recommendation to move the Swinging for Seniors event from March 20, 2019 to a date in May due to a previously scheduled event.

Further discussion of this event was discussed later in the evening regarding the reasons why Staff feels it is necessary to move the date.

Mr. Kistemann followed up with Commissioner Saucedo’s concerns regarding the tennis courts at the San Dimas Sportsplex. He stated the courts have been looked at and will be resurfaced this next fiscal year. For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 the tennis courts that have been budgeted for resurfacing are the Ladera Serra Park and Lone Hill Park.

B. Program/Activities/Participation Reports

Mr. Jones provided a recap of the San Dimas City Birthday event that was held on August 3, 2019. He stated it was well attended and there was a lot of participation from the community.

In addition to the City Birthday event, the National Night Out event that was organized by the San Dimas Sherriff’s Department was also well attend. Unfortunately, due to the high heat temperatures there were a few less in attendance compared to last year’s event.

Mr. Jones also discussed with the Commission the plans for this year’s Holiday Extravaganza event which will be on December 7, 2019. This year’s theme is “Let it Snow” and will include fake snow blowing from the rooftops of the buildings downtown. In addition, the parade route has also been updated for a more cohesive flow for the event itself. Feedback from previous years suggested we shorten the route and have it focused in the downtown area next to the Christmas tree.

Commissioner Pace asked if the snow slides will be relocated.

Mr. Jones stated they would be relocated in order to keep the Christmas tree the main focal point for the event.

Mr. Kistemann stated staff would provide more detailed information of the Holiday Extravaganza event at the next Commission meeting on November 7, 2019 which will include the parade route and layout of the event.

Ms. Borba provided an updated report of all the activities that were offered and attended for the months of July and August. Some of the excursions for the month of July included the Pageant of the Masters, Anaheim Packing House & Bowers Museum, Annie at the Glendale Centre Theatre and a trip to Catalina Island. In addition, both the July and August monthly dinners had over 100 guests in attendance at the Senior Center. The activities also included the monthly lunch socials and happy hour events which both have seen an increase in attendance.

Ms. Borba also highlighted the increase of participants in the lunch program has grown by 217 participants since July. In addition, Chair Volleyball is now being offered at the Senior Center’s Multi-Purpose Room which began today. She also extended an invite to the Commission to participate as judges in the Halloween Costume Contest.

Commissioner Brosche asked Ms. Borba what has been most challenging at the Senior Center.
Ms. Borba stated they are currently in the process of integrating all sign in sheets for all Mt. San Antonio classes and Bingo events to be added into Active Net so they can build their network.

Chair Wolfe asked how is Staff handling not being able to utilize the Community Building or Multi-Purpose Room for the month of February to March due to the Los Angeles County registrar’s office using the facilities as potential polling places. Ms. Borba stated they are being impacted but will make it work the best they can.

C. Chair’s Report
Chair Wolfe asked Staff to provide the Commission with the report that was created last year with a list of items in which the Senior Commission is looking to raise funds towards.

Mr. Kistemann confirmed they would provide the Commission with the report.

Commissioner Pace stated the Senior Foundation will be providing a $1,000 donation towards the Swinging for Seniors event.

Commissioner Brosche stated he would assist with funding for the musicians for the Swinging for Senior’s event.

D. Commissioner’s Reports- NONE
E. Councilmember Reports
Councilmember Bertone reported on the coyote issue within the City and stated there will be a Town Hall meeting schedule with a month or so to see what the best course of action would be to deal with this City-wide issue. The Gold line expansion has been financed to expand all the way to Pomona and has a completion date for the year 2024.

3. Consent Calendar
   A. Approval of Minutes
   COMMISSIONER BROSCHE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY SENIOR COMMISSION MINUTES AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY

4. New Business
   A. ACTION ITEMS: NONE
   B. DISCUSSION ITEMS: Chair Wolfe discussed the importance of updating the sponsorship form soon. This will be a great asset to utilize when approaching businesses for donations.

   Commissioner Saucedo asked if there is a meeting for local businesses to attend.

   Councilmember Bertone stated there is no meeting.

   Chair Wolfe stated he has already received a list of businesses from the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce and will be making copies to provide to the Commissioners.

5. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation
   A. Report from the Event Planning Sub-Committee
   Director Wolfe provided last year’s program for the Committee to review as a frame of reference. He stated he would like to invite Director Johnson to be the food vendor for the
Swinging for Seniors event this year since they had received such great reviews from last year’s event.

Mr. Kistemann expressed to the Committee his concerns for our newly appointed Director Johnson being the vendor for the event. He stated it may be a conflict of interested because she is now serving on the Committee.

Mr. Kistemann suggested a vendor agreement be put together to appease everyone in order to be as transparent with the public as possible.

The Directors were in agreeance.

Ms. Borba discussed the current schedule conflict with the Swinging for Seniors event that is currently set in the month of March. She stated there already is a regularly scheduled monthly dinner event occurring at the senior center that same day which would be a huge conflict for those who would also like to attend the Swinging for Seniors. The suggestion to move the event to May was proposed to the Foundation

Director Wolfe stated it is important to check there are no other conflicting events i.e. graduation dates, Chamber events or Community events scheduled for May 15, 2019. Once this information has been confirmed, the decision can be made to have the date moved.

Director Wolfe informed the Committee of the next Event Planning Sub-Committee which will be held on Oct 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

6. Continued Items: Fundraising for the expenditures suggested recommendations
Ms. Borba discussed the potential purchases for the expenditures of the fundraising efforts which would include a new television or projector for the meeting room. Additional options also included: new gardening tools for the garden club, accent furniture for the lobby, revamping of the patio area, or new curtains for the meeting room.

Chair Wolfe requested the Staff provide the Commission with last year’s list of recommended items.

Mr. Jones confirmed this list would be provided to the Commission.

7. Written Communication-NONE
8. Oral Communication
Mr. Pagano provided an open invitation to the Commission to volunteer to serve beer and wine at the Holiday Extravaganza.

9. Future Agenda Items
- List of recommended items to purchase
- Provide copies of local business packet to the Commission
- Provide parade route for Holiday Extravaganza

Adjournment
COMMISSIONER BROSCHIE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be November 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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Genevieve Amaro, Departmental Assistant