



MINUTES  
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, March 5, 2020

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wolfe at 6:00 pm

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Ed Wolfe, Chairperson  
James Shirley  
Jay Pace  
Veronica Saucedo  
Paul Brosche  
Pamla Johnson  
Nancy Brewster  
Wally Nikowitz

**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-NONE**

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

**A. Director's Report**

Mr. Kistemann asked the Commission to provide their thoughts and ideas for upcoming Senior Programs.

Mr. Kistemann asked that the Senior Club provide a report to City Council so that they can be recognized for their accomplishments.

Mr. Kistemann reported on the Senior Lunch Program and asked for feedback from staff.

Mr. Pagano stated that staff is in active negotiations with YWCA to see what can be done to improve the meal plan and improve the service to seniors. Data and metric results gathered from a Lunch Program survey were provided to the Commission.

Mr. Jones discussed the survey results and stated the survey was conducted in January 2020. He outlined increases in certain areas of the Lunch Program, including: the lunch reservation process, lunch check-in process, quality of the meals and customer service.

Councilmember Bertone asked for additional clarification regarding results for the Lunch Program service.



Commissioner Politano stated that she stopped by the Lunch Program and the majority of the participants she spoke with stated that they did not like the food and would like to see a change.

Commissioner Shirley stated he noticed a decline in Lunch Program attendance.

Ms. Borba stated the numbers have been trending upwards for this year and staff has received positive feedback from those who attend the Lunch Program.

Commissioner Politano inquired if there was data to show how many people who visit the Senior Center also attend the Lunch Program.

Commissioner Saucedo asked how the surveys were conducted and if it would be possible to conduct an additional survey with expanded questions and ideas on modifications to the program.

Mr. Jones stated that he ate at the Lunch Program and thought the meal was fine. He added that the food was a little bland but that was expected due to dietary restrictions.

Mr. Pagano concurred and noted that the meal is subsidized and only receives minimal funding.

Commissioner Wolfe stated he thinks staff should continue to monitor the Lunch Program and keep the Commission up to date on any developments.

#### **B. Chair's Report**

Chair Wolfe stated that he has rehearsed with the band and will be rehearsing in April and May. He also stated that he located an attachment with information to provide potential sponsors of the Swinging for Seniors event.

Chair Wolfe inquired if there would be a deep cleaning of the Community Building and if the Senior Center would be doing anything regarding the virus?

Commissioner Brewster stated that Huntington Hospital has a public hotline to provide public information regarding the virus.

#### **C. Commissioner's Reports**

Commissioner Politano stated that she is impressed with the Senior Center overall, but is disappointed with the Art Room. She stated that she talked to some of the participants in the Art Room who told her that the long, narrow room was not user friendly for Art Classes because it does not allow an instructor adequate space for demonstrations. Commissioner Politano stated the counter tops are also too high. She provided a hand out with recommendations for modifications to the Art Room.

Commissioner Brewster stated that she has secured one sponsorship for the Swinging for Seniors event and has four potential sponsors.

Commissioner Politano stated that she has confirmed sponsorship from Arrow Highway Hospital and has a few others that will be coming in next week.



Commissioner Brosche stated that he has some promising leads for sponsorships but he would like to provide them with more information regarding what the donations will be used for. He stated he would like for the Commission to receive a follow up email on how to contact the sponsors and how those sponsors will be publicly recognized.

Commissioner Nikowitz inquired about providing sponsors a list of potential Senior Center projects.

Mr. Jones stated that he would provide a list of potential projects to the Commission.

Commissioner Saucedo stated that when handling money, you must wash your hands more frequently.

Commissioner Johnson informed the Commission that the Senior Club- Ways and Means Committee was organizing a Community Yard Sale.

Commissioner Shirley stated that he had an issue with the operation of the Voting Center.

**D. Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Bertone reported that Emmett Bader was elected Mayor, John Ebner was re-elected to council and Eric Weber was newly elected to the council.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Gold Line open house is scheduled for March 12.

Councilmember Bertone announced that the City of San Dimas Arbor Day event is scheduled for April 25

**3. Consent Calendar**

**A. Approval of Minutes January 9, 2020**

Removal of Barbara Politano from the January 9, 2020 meeting attendance.  
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED BY COMMISSIONER POLITANO.  
COMMISSIONER BROSCHÉ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2020  
MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAUCEDO AND PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. New Business**

**A. ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**-Relocation of San Dimas Festival of Arts Portraits**

Mr. Kistemann discussed that they have been unable to contact the person to curate the event and asked Councilmember Bertone for assistance.

**-Senior Seminar Series**

Ms. Borba reported that staff is currently working with Commissioner Nikowitz to coordinate a variety of different seminars.

**-Focus Group Program/renaming of Senior Center**

Mr. Pagano explained renaming the Senior Center would make the facility more approachable to the public.

**-Discuss Older American**



Ms. Borba stated that the 2020 Older American nomination forms are out and available to the public. She stated that the process would be a little different this year. They would like to recognize multiple people. The person with the most nominations will be recognized by the City of San Dimas as well as LA County.

Mr. Pagano stated that they would like to share the Older American's stories with the community. They also would like to recognize the Older American's throughout the rest of the year at City events instead of just the month of May.

Ms. Borba stated that she is happy that the Commission is willing to work with the new process and extend the Older American selection until meeting on April 2, 2020.

**-Follow up from Commissioners regarding sponsors**

Chair Wolfe stated that follow up from Commissioners regarding sponsors was already discussed during the Commissioner's Reports.

**Senior Citizen Commission Foundation**

**A. Foundation Treasury Report**

Mr. Jones provided the Commission a hand out itemizing the Foundation checking account and went over the financial statement for the Foundation with the following account balances:

Current balance in Checking Account: \$7,334.38  
Current balance in Money Market Account: \$7,140.08  
Current balance in Savings Account: \$5.00  
Total Account Balances: \$14,479.46

**B. Report from Event Planning Sub Committee**

Director Wolfe stated event planning was ahead of schedule. He said they are going forward with plans for 200 guests and 16 tables. At the April 2 Foundation meeting, Director Wolfe stated that they will give a progress report regarding money collected and donations.

- 5. Continued Items: NONE
- 6. Written Communication: NONE
- 7. Oral Communication: NONE
- 8. Future Agenda Items:
  - Committee for Senior Center Art Room

**Adjournment**

COMMISSIONER POLITANO MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROSCHÉ.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant