



MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, July 9, 2020

CITY HALL – COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AND REMOTE ZOOM 6:00PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wolfe at 5:59 pm

Roll Call

Present: Ed Wolfe, Chairperson
Jay Pace
Veronica Saucedo
Paul Brosche
Pamla Johnson
Nancy Brewster
Wally Nikowitz
Barbara Politano

Also Present: Denis Bertone, Councilmember
Hector Kistemann, Director of Parks and Recreation
Tim Pagano, Recreation Manager
Dominique Borba, Recreation Coordinator
Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant

Absent: James Shirley

Audience Communication-None

1. **Special Agenda Item- None**
2. **Reports of Staff/Members**
 - A. **Director's Report**

Mr. Kistemann highlighted the SD Cares Program. He stated that Mr. Pagano will present an executive summary of the program, which will also be shown to the City Council at the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Kistemann announced that limited summer recreation programs have begun.

Ms. Borba stated that staff has been working diligently on the SD Cares project. She said staff has been researching ways to stay connected with the senior community through virtual programming. MT. SAC free Older Adult Classes are being offered remotely and will continue through the fall. Virtual seminars are now available and the second virtual Happy Hour via Zoom, showed increased participation.

Ms. Borba stated that nutritious meals continue to be provided to seniors in the community in conjunction with the YWCA Lunch Program. She reported that the program provides an average of 800 lunches weekly to 140-160 participants.

Councilmember Bertone commented that he felt staff has been doing an excellent job connecting with the community.



Mr. Kistemann discussed the Senior Center renovation project. He stated that they decided to move forward with the renovations while the senior center was temporarily closed. They had limited funds which were used creatively to update the south restrooms and lobby. He stated that staff met with the Festival of Western Arts Committee to discuss relocating the art work to create theme rooms within the center. The paintings have been moved to the Senior Center Meeting Room and Conference Room. The Senior Center hallways now feature new canvas photographs depicting historical San Dimas. Mr. Kistemann added that new chairs and tables were purchased for the Multi-Purpose Room.

Chair Wolfe inquired if there was a need to prioritize additional items for future funding, such as new vertical blinds.

Mr. Pagano stated that they have removed the blinds on the south side of the Center and those windows have been tinted. The plan is to eliminate the blinds throughout the entire Center for a cleaner more updated look.

Mr. Kistemann notified the Commission that City Council approved funding for remodeling the Senior Center Arts & Crafts Room, which was proposed by Commissioner Politano. He stated that City Council also approved funding to resurface the tennis courts at the Sportsplex which was recommended by Commissioner Saucedo.

Councilmember Bertone stated Council appreciates suggestions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Pagano presented a power point a power point executive summary of the SD Cares Program and provided supplemental hand out material.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Wolfe stated he thought staff was doing a great job executing the SD Cares Program. He suggested that members of the Commission share information about SD Cares on social media.

Mr. Pagano thanked the Commission Foundation for their donation to the SD Cares Project and stated they would be presented with a plaque on behalf of the City in appreciation.

C. Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Johnson inquired about receipts for people who donate to the SD Cares Program.

Ms. Borba stated that receipts are available to those who make donations.

Commissioner Politano suggested that staff promote to the community that monetary donations are also accepted for the SD Cares Program.

Commissioner Pace inquired about status of "Swinging for Seniors" refunds.

Ms. Borba stated that all paperwork and monies that have been received so far have been processed.

Commissioner Brewster stated she is just amazed at everything San Dimas is doing at this time.



Commissioner Brosche stated he is impressed at the collective efforts that have gone into the SD Cares Program and asked if there were any plans to recognize the volunteers. He also inquired about a timeline for the program.

Mr. Pagano stated that all of the volunteers will be recognized at the next City Council meeting. They will also receive a thank you and small gift or plaque of appreciation. In reference to a timeline for the program, Mr. Pagano stated that even though there has been a reduction in the number of volunteers, staff will continue to facilitate the program for as long as they are receiving donations and there is a need in the community.

Commissioner Nikowitz asked what the attendance has been for the virtual seminars offered to seniors.

Ms. Borba stated the attendance varies depending on the seminar, but have had an average of 10 when attendance could be tracked. Some seminars have been offered through partners, so we did not have a way to track exact numbers.

Commissioner Nikowitz suggested staff contact the San Dimas Rodeo Group about possibly volunteering.

D. Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Bertone reported starting July 10, Gladstone Avenue will be closed between Lone Hill Avenue and Amelia Avenue to install new tracks for the Gold Line. The project should take 3 months.

Councilmember Bertone stated that Council was able to balance this year's budget without having to lay off any employees. He stated that the budget is stable despite the lowered income currently coming in due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the medians along Arrow Highway are in the process of getting new irrigation and landscape.

3. Consent Calendar

A. The Commission did not take a vote to approve minutes from March 5, 2020 meeting.

4. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS- NONE

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS- NONE

5. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation

A. Foundation Treasury Report

Chair Wolfe went over the itemized second quarter financial statement for the Foundation and a copy of the statement was provided. The following account balances were shown on the statement:

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$6,342.40

Current Balance in Money Market Account: \$7,159.83

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$5.00

Total Account Balances: \$13,507.23

B. Report from Event Planning Sub Committee

Chair Wolfe stated that all event planning is on hold.



6. **Continued Items-** None
7. **Written Communication-** None
8. **Oral Communication-** None
9. **Future Agenda Items-** None

Adjournment

COMMISSIONER BROSCHE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POLITANO.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 3 at 6:00p.m.


Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant