



MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 5, 2020

CITY HALL- COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM 6:00PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wolfe at 6:02 pm

Roll Call

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

Also Present: Denis Bertone, Councilmember
Steve Farmer, Landscape Maintenance Manager
Dominique Borba, Recreation Supervisor
Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant
Orlando Soto, Recreation Specialist

Absent: Wally Nikowitz

Audience Communication-NONE

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

Councilmember Bertone gave his report first due to having to leave early for the filming of the virtual City event, 12 Days of San Dimas.

Councilmember Bertone announced that the City has chosen a new City Manager, Chris Constantin, who will be introduced at the next City Council Meeting. Mr. Constantin currently works for the City of Chico as Assistant City Manager.

Councilmember Bertone wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

B. Director/Manager Report

Ms. Borba presented photos and highlights of recent senior programs and events. She stated that the annual Community Health and Resource Fair was held as scheduled due to it being an essential service to the community.

Mr. Soto reported that CVS Pharmacy provided 118 free flu shots to the community. Additionally, there were 15 outdoor vendor booths offering health information, resources and giveaways.

Mr. Soto also highlighted the following events and seminars held in September and October:



TMB Insurance Services sponsored a Medicare Seminar Series. Participants were able to drive thru and from an appropriate social distance, ask questions and get information about Medicare. Frankenweenie, was a Halloween themed drive-thru lunch. A free hot dog lunch was provided to 50 seniors who pre-registered for the event. Happy Hours and Birthday Socials continue to be virtual on Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions. Mr. Soto reported that they were looking at ways to increase the attendance numbers for virtual events.

Commissioner Brosche asked if there could be more opportunities for seniors to socially interact whether virtually or otherwise?

Ms. Borba stated that it has been a challenge to get the senior population to join virtual events. However, staff will continue to encourage participants to utilize Zoom to connect with others virtually. Staff is also working on a possible senior pen pal program.

Ms. Borba reported that staff is working on maintaining partnerships with community organizations. One of those is the Tzu Chi Foundation, who regularly contribute to the SD Cares Program by volunteering and providing boxes of fresh produce bi-weekly. The Tzu Chi Foundation has now offered to assist with case management and provide seniors in need with other resources. Staff will meet with the Tzu Chi Foundation in December to discuss more details.

Ms. Borba reported that staff is still working in conjunction with YWCA to provide 150-200 seniors boxed and frozen meals each Wednesday. Ms. Borba added that during this time, YWCA is not collecting donations, so the meals are free to seniors registered in the program.

Ms. Borba and Mr. Soto announced the following upcoming Senior Events:
The Gobble, Gobble Drive-Thru scheduled for November 20 will provide a free, hot Thanksgiving lunch, catered by Parties Unlimited, to seniors who pre-register. This event will be sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross. Atria Rancho Park will also be contributing.
The Holly Jolly Stocking Giveaway is a drive-thru event scheduled for December 9. Seniors will receive free stockings filled with goodies and Santa Claus will be in attendance. Intervalley Health Plan is sponsoring this event.

Ms. Borba and Mr. Soto highlighted the following City-wide events:
National Night Out, held on October 6, was a partnership with San Dimas Sherriff's Station, San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S and the City of San Dimas, to celebrate public safety agencies. The event included a First Responders Caravan throughout the City culminating at Civic Center parking lot for a drive thru meet and greet with first responders. The public were also able to view a variety of emergency vehicles on display and receive free giveaway items.
Halloween Spooktacular Drive-In was held at Horsethief Canyon Park on October 23rd and 24th. The event included two nights of movies, Candy on Elm Street and a Haunted Drive. Approximately 2,250 participants were in attendance over the two days.
San Dimas Cares Program is still going strong and proves to be a much-needed service to the community. Each week, staff contacts over 200 people enrolled to see if they need groceries or other essential services. In September and October, 548 food packages were delivered and 451 food packages were picked up at the Senior Center.
12 Days of San Dimas is planned for December 5 – December 19 with daily virtual and live events as follows: Tree Lighting, Holiday Discount, Santa Live, Mrs. Claus Cookies, Holiday Drive-In, Virtual Caroling, Elf on a Shelf, Wreath Contest, Tree Contest, Street Contest and the last two days Santa Claus Visits.



Councilmember Bertone thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for their thoughtfully planned activities and hard work.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Wolfe wanted to also thank the entire Parks and Recreation staff for finding creative ways to connect with the community.

Chair Wolfe reported on the 12 Days of San Dimas. He stated that he has been involved in the planning and he and his band were filmed for the Tree Lighting event. He confirmed that since the activities are being pre-recorded without an audience, it has been a very safe process with social distancing and masks worn by all participants.

D. Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Brosche asked how seniors could be involved in the virtual 12 Days of San Dimas if they don't use a computer.

Ms. Borba responded that the local community channel, KWST will also broadcast the event.

Commissioner Brewster said the San Dimas Voting Center was great and the process was very organized.

Commissioner Shirley said he was proud of the way the City of San Dimas is dealing with the Pandemic and the help they are providing to the community. He also said he appreciates the free virtual classes and programs that are available to seniors.

Commissioner Politano commented it is nice to see city government working so well together. She also asked if there has been any more discussion concerning the renovation of the Senior Center Art Room.

Ms. Borba stated that the Director and Facilities Manager have been looking into the Art Room renovation project.

Commissioner Pace commented that all staff was doing a fantastic job.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she also felt staff was doing a good job with everything.

Commissioner Saucedo asked if it would be possible to plan an outdoor holiday gathering for seniors so that they could have some social interaction.

Ms. Borba responded that due to current LA County restrictions, staff has not been given permission to hold outside activities.

3. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes September 3, 2020 Meeting

COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BREWSTER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:



None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

-Civic Center Park

Mr. Farmer informed the Commission that Civic Center Park has been updated with a sidewalk and lights around the perimeter. He stated that the next phase will include a shaded, 25-station outdoor gym, which is scheduled to be installed on the southwest corner of the park in January 2021.

5. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation

A. Foundation Treasury Report

The Commission was provided a hand out itemizing the Foundation financial statement for July 1, 2020- September 30, 2020. Director Wolfe reviewed the financial statement with the following account balances:

Current balance in Checking Account: \$6,348.01

Current balance in Money Market Account: \$7,173.38

Current balance in Savings Account: \$5.00

Total Account Balances: \$13,526.39

B. Close Senior Commission Foundation bank account and open an account with Federal Credit Union Bank in San Dimas.

Ms. Borba stated that the current bank account is held at F & A Federal Credit Union which is located in Monterey Park, and is a significant distance from San Dimas. Staff has proposed that the Senior Commission Foundation close that account and open an account with Federal Credit Union Bank in San Dimas.

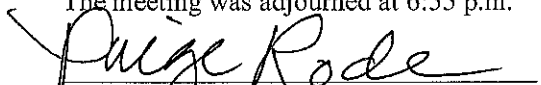
DIRECTOR WOLFE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO CLOSE THE CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT AT F&A FEDERAL CREDIT UNION IN MONTEREY PARK AND OPEN AN ACCOUNT AT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION BANK IN SAN DIMAS. COMMISSIONER SAUCEDO MOTIONED TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BREWSTER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6. **Continued Items: NONE**
- 7. **Written Communication: NONE**
- 8. **Oral Communication: NONE**
- 9. **Future Agenda Items:** Commissioner Brosche requested that the Senior Commission discuss prioritizing purchases for the upcoming year.

Adjournment

COMMISSIONER BROSCHKE MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PACE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


 Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant