



MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 4, 2021

VIA ZOOM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

Roll Call

Present:

Ed Wolfe
Barbara Politano
James Shirley
Jay Pace
Paul Brosche
Pamla Johnson
Nancy Brewster
Veronica Saucedo
Wally Nikowitz

Also Present:

Denis Bertone, Councilmember
Dominique Borba, Recreation Supervisor
Orlando Soto, Recreation Coordinator
Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant

Absent:

None

Audience Communication-NONE

1. Special Agenda Item- NONE

2. Reports of Staff/Members

A. Director/Manager/Supervisor Report

Ms. Borba and Mr. Soto shared a presentation highlighting the following programs: YWCA Senior Lunch Program, SD Cares, Winter Senior Center Programs Recap and Spring Senior Center Programs Update, Older American Nominations, AARP Tax Service and Spring Special Events.

YWCA- Senior Lunch Program Curbside Pickup had 155 participants in January and served 5,217 meals. In February, the program had 143 participants and 3,374 meals were served. Participants are still receiving 2 boxed lunches, 3 frozen meals and 2 breakfast items each Wednesday. YWCA has now added a box of fresh produce which is distributed once a month.

SD Cares- currently has 200 participants enrolled. Donations from the community are still being accepted on Tuesdays. Food packages are distributed on Thursdays and Fridays. A total of 775 packages of food were delivered or picked up at the Senior Center during the months of January and February.



Winter Senior Center Programs- included a free drive-thru monthly hot meal program provided by Parties Unlimited. Upcoming free drive-thru events scheduled are a Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch on March 19 and a Ham Lunch on April 16.

Virtual Seminars, Happy Hours and Birthdays continue to be offered monthly.

Older American Nominations- 7 people were nominated for the 2021 Older American Honoree. Ms. Borba asked members of the Commission to review the nominations and submit their recommendations by Friday, March 12.

AARP Tax Service- Appointments started on March 1. This year, participants drive-in and wait in their car, while the AARP tax volunteers prepare their return. This no-contact program follows current LA County Covid-19 guidelines. Priority will be given to seniors age 55 or older and San Dimas residents.

Spring Special Events- Arbor Day and Earth Day will include a Coloring Contest, Virtual Tree and Plant Seeding Demonstration, Drive-Thru Sapling Giveaway and Virtual Scavenger Hunt. Also planned for March 25- March 27 is the Bunny Trail Drive-Thru with Easter Basket Giveaway and the Virtual Egg Hunt.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Wolfe encouraged members of the Commission to support the SD Cares Project.

C. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Johnson said she feels the City is doing a good job looking out for seniors especially with the food programs.

Commissioner Nikowitz agreed with Commissioner Johnson and stated staff is doing a good job.

Commissioner Politano asked if there is assistance offered to seniors for scheduling vaccination appointments?

Ms. Borba stated that this question will be addressed during Action Items on tonight's agenda.

Commissioner Shirley stated he is proud to live in San Dimas and appreciates everything the City is doing for seniors in the community.

Commissioner Pace reported that the Senior Citizen's Club Board is scheduled to meet for an outdoor meeting in April.

Commissioner Brosche thanked Commissioner Wolfe for his contributions to the 12 Days of San Dimas event.

Commissioner Saucedo stated that her daughter's Girl Scout troop is interested in helping local seniors.

D. Councilmember Report



Councilmember Bertone reported that San Dimas has purchased 10 Flock cameras which have been installed and are already being used by the San Dimas Sheriff's Department. He explained that these cameras are able to read license plates and identify stolen vehicles or persons with outstanding warrants. The cameras do not issue traffic citations.

Councilmember Bertone reported that the Gold Line construction project has resulted in the removal of several trees. The trees will be replaced at other locations throughout the City. Councilmember Bertone announced that the installation of the Fitness Zone and shade canopies at Civic Center Park started this week. He stated the project should be complete and open for public use within two weeks.

3. Consent Calendar

Approval of Minutes January 7, 2021 Meeting

COMMISSIONER POLITANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 7, 2021 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BREWSTER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. New Business

A. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Prioritizing list of purchases for 2021.

Staff identified potential needs of the Senior Center and provided a list to the Commission for discussion. The Commission prioritized the list of Facility Enhancements as:

- 1) Hand held tablets for senior use;
- 2) Quiet Lounge upgrades;
- 3) Remodel patio area;
- 4) Game Room upgrades.

The Commission prioritized the list of Program Activity Enhancements as:

- 1) Senior exercise programs utilizing new Fitness Zone;
 - 2) Outdoor festival geared towards seniors;
 - 3) More recreation classes for seniors.
- Ms. Borba stated that staff would research prices and provide the Commission with quotes for the prioritized items. The Commission will then vote on which items should be purchased/funded.

2. COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance for Seniors 65+

Staff is assisting people by phone who need help registering on-line for vaccine appointments. Staff has also put together a list of local vaccination sites.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS: NONE

5. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation

A. Foundation Treasury Report

The Commission was provided a hand out itemizing the Foundation financial statement for November 2020- January 2021. Ms. Borba reviewed the financial statement with the following account balances:

- Current balance in Checking Account: \$6,354.43
- Current balance in Money Market Account: \$7,190.92
- Current balance in Savings Account: \$5.00
- Total Account Balances: \$13,550.35

6. Continued Items: NONE

7. Written Communication: NONE

8. Oral Communication: NONE



9. Future Agenda Items: NONE

Adjournment

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige M. Rode". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant