

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 8, 2004 at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Harris called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member De Bardelaben led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Clark took roll as follows:

Members present: Dale Gustin, Helen Dutra, Virginia Harris, Dolly Bader, Gene Bartlett, Renee' Clark, Edna DeBardelaben
Absent: Jan Stemper-Brown, Jack Sloan
City staff present: Barbara Partridge, Charlotte Gorton, Lynda Holt and Annie Robb
Absent: Judy O'Neal
City Council absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Heggarty

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Bartlett, seconded by De Bardelaben, to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2004 meeting. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. New Commercial Refrigerator
 - o Renee Clark, of the Senior Nutrition Program, made a request to the Advisory Committee to purchase of a double door, commercial refrigerator through the Senior Endowment account to be used by both the senior center and Senior Nutrition Programs. The existing appliance is not large enough to accommodate the usage it generates. At an estimated cost of \$4,000.
 - o A motion was made by Gustin, seconded by Bader, to approve:
 1. Approve the purchase of a double-door, refrigerator for use by the senior center and Senior Nutrition Programs, and
 2. Pending approval from the City's Building and Emergency Services Department to move the freezer to another location, and
 3. Allocation to be taken from the Senior Endowment Fund. **Motion passed.**
3. Ad Hoc Marketing Committee
 - o Jan Stemper-Brown was absent but Holt asked to put this on the December agenda.

- The Senior Networking Group will possibly be at the December meeting.
- 4. **Senior Center Emergency Drill Update**
 - Due to bad weather, the drill was postponed until after Thanksgiving holidays.
- 5. **Senior Scholarship Account Details**
 - Committee discussed the parameters of establishing the Senior Scholarship fund. Staff will bring back document, retro-fitted to a senior program with a \$130 maximum cost/scholarship awarded and no certain guidelines as yet.
 - Put on December agenda for review and possible motion.
- 6. **Stage Bids**
 - Holt advised we only have one bid so far Wade Hatch will help us get two more.
 - Discussed carpet vs. hardwood for the stage floor. Nick Gilman recommends carpet over hard wood floor. Nick advised there is a plastic cover to put on the carpet if we need a slick surface for dancers. Carpet is safer and quieter.
 - Railings are three feet high along the back of the stage. There is no railing or guard designed on the 12” high platform. It would create a tripping hazard rather than a safety stop.
- 7. **Senior Center Health Fair**
 - Holt gave a recap of the November 6 Senior Health Fair, 350 flu vaccines, vendors, etc. KCOY & KSBY interviewed and covered the event.
 - We estimate over 500 in attendance with 60 vendors.
 - Next year we want to move the event in to the Centennial Norris Gymnasium and plan to have it on October 15, 2005.
 - We are considering charging businesses for a space. Estimated cost of event was \$1,500 and Heritage Oaks was only sponsor contributing \$250 = Total \$1,250.00.
 - In 2005, if we charged businesses \$50/ 20 spaces, we could make \$1000 and the program could pay for itself with additional sponsors.

OLD BUSINESS

- 8. **Senior Activity Update**
 - Holt discussed participating in the Craft Fair, raffling off a donated afghan and bird houses to sell as fundraisers as well as a bake sale.
 - Starting in January, we have a Diabetes Support group to be held at Dr. Castellanos office at 12 pm on Wednesdays.
 - Eighteen people have voiced an interest in Line dancing.
 - Annual Friends in Deed Thanksgiving Dinner will be on 11/25 at Centennial Park.
 - Madonna Inn annual trip is sold out.
- 9. **Senior Endowment Monthly Report**
 - Account balance is \$345,494.78.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS

Fundraising (Bartlett and Harris)

- We are working on getting volunteers to donate baked goods for the bake sale.
- Craft work day is 11/18 for the Craft Fair.

Transportation (DeBardelaben, Clark, Sloan and Stemper-Brown)

- Holt advised there is a new grant coming through to fund a countywide Bus Buddy Program.
- Letters on transportation were received from Director Partridge, Gorton and Holt, member Sloan – see attachment A.

Development of Programs for Young Seniors (Dutra and Gustin)

- Update at December meeting.
- Big Band monthly dances need more promoting.

Create “Value Added” to Senior Membership & Marketing Plan (Dutra and Stemper-Brown)

- Holt advised they are doing a big push, with a 30-day notice, for the last chance to get senior membership at \$5 since it goes up to \$10 in January 2005.
- Discussed discounts at special events on magnet with special name and list of all the 2005 Senior Star events.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION - Absent

DIRECTOR’S COMMUNICATION

- Director Partridge discussed the budget difficulties and the Senior Endowment Fund helping to expand senior programs. Discuss further at January 2005 meeting – put on agenda.
- Director announced she is retiring in April 2005.

SENIOR COORDINATOR COMMUNICATION

- Referred to flyer racks for classes, trips, services, events, etc.
- Rose Garden Society donated wrought iron benches at the entrance of the Senior Center.

RECREATION COMMUNICATION

- Gorton advised the new lift is in at the indoor pool.
- Centennial Project bid extended in to REC, Inc. and Sherwood Park projects.
- The next Leisure guide will cover January through May 2005.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Annie Robb, City Librarian discussed Measure L, that did not pass on the November ballot, that would have given the Library \$1.5 million dollars.
- 2005 is the ten year anniversary of being in the City Hall/Library building.
- There was a volunteer trip to George O’Keefe Exhibit.

- Member Bader got a 32 foot flag pole donated for the Senior Center. Now we need to find out about lighting and installation.

- Member De Bardelaben honored by Senior Services Network for her volunteer work and received a plaque from County Supervisors, Congressional Award from Lois Capps office and 1000 points of Light (a Federal Program).

- December 3 Big Band Dance – The holiday theme with semi-formal dress. Discussed changing the time from 7:30 to 10 pm. Member Dutra not interested in changing time.

- Clark is having hip surgery and will be out for approximately six weeks or so.

ADJOURNED

- A motion was made by Dutra, seconded by Bartlett, to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m. Motion passed.
- Adjourn to next month's regular meeting on Monday, December 13, 2004, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 12/13/04 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Harris, Secretary

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