

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: February 14, 2005 ~ Location: Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Dutra called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Sloan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Clark passed the roll sheet around:

Members present: Gene Bartlett, Dolly Bader, Helen Dutra, Jack Sloan, Renee' Clark,
Dale Gustin and Edna De Bardelaben
Absent: Jan Stemper-Brown
City staff present: Lynda Holt, Charlotte Gorton, Annie Robb and Jennifer Sorensen
Absent: Barbara Partridge and Judy O'Neal
City Council rep: Fred Strong
Guest: Nettie O'Brien

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PRESENTATIONS

- Dutra welcomed Annie Robb as Interim-Director of Library and Recreation Services.
- Also welcomed and introduced was Jennifer Sorensen, City Finance Manager.
- Fair Weather Four Quartet sang valentine songs to the committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Gustin, seconded by Bader, to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Chairperson Designation

- A motion was made by Gustin, seconded by Bader, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Virginia Harris and send a letter of appreciation for her years of service on the Senior Advisory Committee - motion passed.
- The next recruitment to fill vacancies and terms expiring for the Senior Advisory Committee is June 2005.
- Vice-Chairperson Dutra will step in and fill the vacant position of Chairperson.
- Gustin is first alternate.

3. **Senior Endowment Fund Report**
 - Jennifer Sorensen, City Finance Manager, explained the monthly Senior Endowment Fund report.
 - After discussion, a motion was made by Gustin, seconded by Sloan, to ask Finance to work on making this report easier to read - motion passed.

4. **Mission Statement**
 - Holt presented a description of a Mission Statement for members to review. After discussion, a motion was made by Clark, seconded by De Bardelaben, to accept the following Mission Statement – motion passed:
 - *“The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is an advisory to the City Council, representing the senior citizens of the community on issues and matters related to the senior center and its attendant recreation programs. The Senior Advisory Committee is responsible for researching and advising the City on the needs of senior citizens, making recommendations regarding the Senior Endowment Fund and annual senior center expenditures and is a communication liaison to the senior citizens of Paso Robles.”*

5. **Big Band Dances**
 - Discussed the observation report from Nancy Joynt on Morro Bay Big Band Dances and a recap from last year’s dances. The average monthly attendance is 70.
 - Discussed revenues vs. income, the possibility of getting sponsors to pay \$300 per dance.
 - Need to market our dances to Pismo Dixieland Jazz group and Cal Poly Swing Club.
 - We will currently keep the Big Band dances at Centennial Park at night in lieu of moving to the senior center for Friday afternoon dances.
 - Senior Advisory Committee and staff need to advertise our Big Band dances with more flyers, publicity, as well as by word-of-mouth.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **Senior Activity Updates**
 - Lynda Holt discussed seminars, Valentine Bingo, Georgia Brown Elementary School to take a Heritage Field trip to the senior center and the Beach Blanket Babylon trip. Mayor Mecham will have lunch at the senior center in March celebrating St. Patrick’s day.
 - De Bardelaben asked for a trip to Lemoore Gambling Casino and Holt will check.

7. **Recap of Martin Luther King Celebration**
 - De Bardelaben advised the event was well attended, had great performances and would be a wonderful showcase at the senior center, especially with a new stage.
 - Holt would like to move this event from Centennial Park to the Senior Center.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS

Fundraising (Bartlett, Harris)

- Gustin volunteered to be on this Committee.

Transportation (*Stemper-Brown, De Bardelaben*)

- De Bardelaben and Stemper-Brown attended the City Council Goal Setting Workshop on 2/12/05 and transportation was placed sixth on their list of approved Council goals.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilman, Fred Strong, discussed:

- Regional meeting of unmet needs occurred in San Luis Obispo and Strong represented the City. He even used notes from the Senior Advisory Committee.
- Strong would like to see a sub-committee formed from the Youth Commission and Senior Citizen Advisory Committee on transportation.
- Continued discussion on transit issues. He advised the seniors need to advocate for more transit dollars to help transportation for senior citizens.
- He talked about hiring a consultant to study how to develop the following:
 - Tuesday will hire a consultant - Purple Belt to do a transportation study.
 - Community facilities district to help fund transportation, and
 - CDF's Community Development fees.

RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER COMMUNICATION

- Gorton discussed SLO CAPRA Hearst Castle Commissioners workshop on February 26, recreation Spring leagues, aquatic re-hires and recruitment. Dale Gustin asked to be put on the list to attend the SLOCAPRA Commissioner's Workshop.
- Gorton discussed mile markers being put up at Barney Schwartz Park for walkers and runners.
- There are 15,000 people who use the two Paso pools in the summer and that number may go up this summer.
- San Luis Obispo County pools will not open this summer due to budget cut backs. Both Paso pools will be open this summer.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Bader, seconded by Sloan to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. - motion passed.
- Adjourn to next regular meeting and time on Monday, March 14, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

THESE WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR MARCH 14, 2005 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Renee' Clark, Secretary