

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Dutra called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Clark passed the roll sheet around:

Members present: Dolly Bader, Gene Bartlett, Jan Stemper-Brown, Reneé Clark and Helen Dutra and Edna DeBardelaben

Absent: Jack Sloan and Dale Gustin

City staff present: Lynda Holt, Charlotte Gorton, Annie Robb and Barbara Partridge

Staff absent: Judy O'Neal

City Council rep: Fred Strong

Guest: Elizabeth Leigh

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Elizabeth Leigh discussed the need for a larger sign at the corner of Creston and Scott Streets pointing east at eye level noting the location of the Senior Center and Veterans Hall for people going both ways. Leigh stated the need for two signs: one for pedestrians and one for automobiles.
- Fred asked if there was any money in any budget to pay for sign? Director Partridge said yes.
- Advisory Committee requested a staff report be developed and present to Council requesting more visible signage for pedestrians and automobiles.
- Bader said she will stand still about the flagpole – we need \$1800 to light the flag pole. She will not give up on the flag yet.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Bader, seconded by Bartlett, to approve the Minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting with amendments - motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Senior Endowment Monthly Report
 - Dutra asked where the monies were for the Memorial Quilt and Christmas Bazaar? Lynda noted the Memorial Quilt money was deposited to the Endowment fund but in the previous fiscal year. The Christmas Bazaar monies will be transferred by a journal entry from the Senior Center general fund budget and credited to the Endowment fund.
 - Balance \$336,383.68. New format makes the report easier to read.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Senior Activity Updates

Lynda Holt made a presentation:

- February 14 - Senior Valentine Bingo last month was a terrific event, especially for single seniors.
- It was noted because of insurance stipulations, we are having trouble using school buses as our transportation for trips.
- March 24 is the Wild and Crazy Spring Break party at 1 pm for \$5.
- Mayor Mecham, Roblan of the Month, will join the seniors for lunch and open discussion on St. Patrick's Day – March 17.
- The March 4 Big Band Dance was a Pajama Party with 85 people in attendance.
- March 25 (is Good Friday) We will have Gage Mathews sing at the Easter Parade at 11 am with prizes for the best hats.
- April 5 is Tour of the wild flowers– We are having trouble with cross indemnification by school district, thus we will not be able to utilize school buses as our transportation.
- April 14 is Senior Fashion Tea Party..
- April 15 is Senior Day at Cuesta College.
- April 19 is the Annual Volunteer Reception at City Hall.
- April 26 is the Getty Museum trip.

4. Stage Updates

- Holt advised because the cost of the stage is over \$5,000 we have to get three formal bids. Wade Hatch will help put together a bid packet with specifications and will go to the public in two weeks.
- We would like to have the stage finished by November 2005 for the holiday events.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS

Fundraising (Bartlett & Gustin)

- Members have talked, but need to meet.

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

- Stemper-Brown reported two new bus stops with covers have been approved.
- She also stated senior transportation did end up as item #6 on the City Council Goals.
- Councilman Strong thought there should be members from both the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Youth Commission on a transportation committee.
- Jan and Director Partridge discussed impact of Committee members personally attending the goal setting workshop.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilman Strong, discussed transportation further. He thought bus drivers should be able to give change.
- Notices for public hearings inadequate and hearings are poorly attended.
- March 15 Council meeting but there is nothing directly related to seniors on agenda.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Senior Citizen – Lynda Holt, Recreation Coordinator, discussed:

1. Duplicate bridge has donated \$500 in appreciation for being able to use center for games.
2. Speakers were installed in the senior center lobby & library. Both areas are integrated with central sound system.

3. AED training will be scheduled for senior volunteers and staff.
4. Director discussed her retirement celebration. The party is April 21 at 5:30 p.m. She invited everyone to attend.

Recreation – Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, discussed:

1. CPRS District 8 Awards and Installation dinner in Atascadero and four awards we received were for REC, Inc., Youth Commission, Concert Series poster and Gary Perruzzi received the Professional of the Year Award.
2. SLOCAPRA Commissioner's Workshop at Hearst Castle.
3. Aquatics Conferences she attended in Las Vegas.
4. Chocolate Fantasia annual event was a sell out again this year.
5. Concerts in the Park series – the bands are all booked for 2005.
6. 2005 Summer Leisure Guide – Spicy Hot Summer theme.

Library – Annie Robb, City Librarian, discussed:

1. Library's Summer Reading Program with over 600 kids for story telling.
2. Spicy Hot Readers.
3. Midsummer Magic Annual event is July 9 – The Committee works on this project year around and the theme this year is Old Havana Nights.
4. Galaxy Juried Art Show judging will be April 25 and the prizes are \$400 for First, \$300 for Second and \$200 for Third Places.

Director Partridge's communication:

1. Director thanked all members for being so wonderful.
2. Discussed three budget items that have come forward from the Senior Advisory Committee. One problem is the staffing item for part-time staff person. We have had to include funding for all four years to keep the request in the budget process. Director advised it is up to the Senior Advisory Committee as to what they want to do? Bader voiced concern for the need for more city staff to maintain senior programs. She feels it is okay to keep \$14,000 for four years for part-time staff position in the budget. We also need a big fundraiser. A motion was made by Bader, seconded by Stemper-Brown, to fund the part-time position for four years from the Senior Endowment Fund, but in case of retirement, funds would also retire. Motion passed with 4 Ayes and 1 No (Bartlett).
3. Councilman Strong brought up the need for a new sales tax, county-wide.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 4/11/05 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager

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