

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: June 13, 2005 ~ Location: Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Dutra called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Bader led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Helen Dutra, Dolly Bader, Jan Stemper-Brown, Jack Sloan, Edna DeBardelaben, Dale Gustin and Richard Gruner (new member)
Absent: Gene Bartlett and Renee' Clark
City staff present: Lynda Holt, Charlotte Gorton, Judy O'Neal and Ann Robb
City Council rep: Fred Strong
Guests: Russ Peterson and Virginia Harris

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Russ Peterson attended meeting to ask the Advisory Committee for help in putting in handicap accessibility in the down town core area for citizens in wheel chairs, disabled, etc. There is not enough marked handicap parking without having to park far away from businesses and the City Park.
- Councilman Strong advised this subject is on the agenda of an ADA Ad Hoc Committee to do a survey of city accessibility. Strong stepped out of the meeting to give Mr. Peterson more information on this subject.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Sloan, seconded by DeBardelaben, to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Summer Calendar**
 - Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, discussed meeting months of July and August. After discussion, a motion was made by Sloan, seconded by DeBardelaben, to remain dark for the meeting in August – motion passed.
3. **Senior Endowment Monthly Report**
 - Balance as of 5/25/05 is \$336,123.75.

OLD BUSINESS

4. **Senior Picnic Wrap-Up**

- Lynda Holt, Recreation Coordinator – Senior Citizens, gave a wrap-up of the annual Senior Picnic. The event had 35 attend and staff planned food for 100. Because of other activities going on in the City Park, Holt was able to sell all the food and the event made a \$200 profit. Regardless of all the problems associated with low attendance, it was further discussed:
 - a) Maybe adding the recognition of Senior Citizen of the Year to a Big Band Dance and not having a Senior Picnic;
 - b) Combining the seniors and the Veterans and have a picnic in the grass area between the two facilities;
 - c) May is Senior Citizen Month and there are so many activities offered that maybe it is time to retire the Senior Picnic.
 - d) After discussion, staff will ask a Veteran representative to attend the July meeting to discuss this subject further.

5. **Senior Advisory Committee Interview Updates** (*Lynda Holt*)

We have three new members whose terms begin July 1, 2005:

- a) Grace Myers
- b) Richard Gruner
- c) Robert Fonarow

6. **Senior Activity Update**

Lynda advised:

- Twin Cities Hospital will be visiting the Senior Center monthly and the next topic they offer will be Advance Directives.
- DeBardelaben discussed the Juneteenth event on Friday, June 17 at the Senior Center. She discussed the program, guest speaker, lunch and special recognition to John and Barbara Partridge. Please RSVP for lunch with the Senior Nutrition Program. The state of Texas has declared June 19 as a holiday. She also recognized Gorton for the help in organizing this event years ago.
- July 21 is the Senior Luau and every Friday in July is Grandkid Camp at the Senior Center.
- July starts the Concerts in the City Park series and passed out flyers about the bus shuttle service available to seniors and the locations for pick up.

ADDENDUM #1

7. **City Transit Issues**

- Ann Robb, Interim-Director, advised the Senior Citizen Ad Hoc Committee's letter went to Jim App, City Manager. Robb advised the City Council has reinstated the City Council Transportation Ad Hoc Committee (Mecham and Picanco), not the Transportation Committee, to look in to ways of improving public transportation.

ADDENDUM #2

8. Senior Center Stage Bids

- Gorton advised the original bid needs to be revised from \$12,000 to the new bid of \$15,000. Gorton will do a staff report and forward to the City Council to award the bid to Newton Construction and allocate \$15,000 from the Senior Endowment Fund.
- A motion was made by Gustin, seconded by Sloan, to approve the new bid of \$15,000 for the construction of the Senior Center stage – motion passed.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES – No further comments

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Ann Robb advised:

- The City Council will be taking action on the city-wide Fee Study at their June 21 meeting. This could be a controversial relating to the fees within the Department of Library and Recreation Services. We will keep you up-to-date.
- Midsummer Magic – Havana Night tickets are on sale for the annual Library fundraiser on July 9 at the Public Library.
- City Council has passed the budget. This opens the recruitment process for the part-time clerical staff to help Holt at the Senior Center starting 7/1/05.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Recreation - Charlotte Gorton discussed:

- The recreation division is very busy since the retirement of Barbara and Gary.
- Update given on Centennial Park renovation project.
- Discussed plans to renovate the roof and building of the indoor pool. An architect is currently working on the design.
- Gearing up for the summer aquatics programs at both pools, staffing, etc.

Holt advised:

- She attended a conference in Oakland, California called Step Up to Health. She came away with ideas for a healthier life-style, better food to eat, awareness of illnesses and diseases, various services offered to become healthier and live longer. Get people more active to help prevent obesity. She can use this in her personal life and for senior programming.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Fred Strong advised:

- The Council will be working on the city-wide Fee Study and the increase in city water rates.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Member Stemper-Brown passed out the new San Luis Obispo County Senior Information Guide for 2005-2007 done by Area Agency on Aging.

- Member Stemper-Brown also complained the new Access telephone book does not have the Paso Robles Senior Center number listed.
- Member Bader donated two gift certificates for the winners at the Senior Picnic on Saturday, June 11. Mayor Mecham and Councilman Nemeth were at the meeting for these special presentations. Mayor Mecham presented the certificates to Tom and Inez DiCarlo. Member Stemper-Brown took the certificate to her mother, Grace Myers.
- Mayor Mecham also presented past member, Virginia Harris and retiring member, Dolly Bader, with Certificates of Appreciation for their years of service volunteering their time on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Member Gustin, seconded by Member DeBardelaben, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles. Motion passed.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 7/11/05 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes of 6/13/05