

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2008 ~ Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Gustin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Barbara Mastin, Helen Dutra, Grace Myers, Dale Gustin, Edna DeBardelaben, Reneè Clark, and Jan Stemper-Brown
Absent: Richard Gruner
City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Judy O'Neal and Annie Robb
Absent: Lynda Holt
City Council rep: Fred Strong
Absent: Frank Mecham
Guest: Michael Seden-Hansen, City of Paso Robles, Transit Service Coordinator

CONSENT AGENDA

1. It was moved and seconded by Clark/ DeBardelaben, to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.
2. **Senior Endowment Report**
 - The balance from finance was \$294,088.45 as of 12/19/07. Chairperson Dutra noted there will be check for \$4,000 written on 1/9/08 that will be deposited into this account donated from the 2007 Black Tie Bingo fundraiser.

AD HOC COMMITTEE RPORTS

Fundraising

Bill Pluma, Chairman, gave an update on the progress and needs of finalizing the drawing for the Black Tie Bingo fundraiser. Lynda and Bill talked with finance manager and fleet manager on how to register the donated vehicle. We plan to use the vehicle as an advertising tool and move from business to business to drum up business and interest.

Transportation

The new Transit Coordinator, Mike Seden-Hansen, was introduced. Jan Stemper-Brown, Chairperson, advised she is attending a Senior Transportation Options group (with SLOCOG) meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Mike gave an update on the City's big projects to re-design the appearance and signs advertising our buses. We want them to be very distinctive and recognizable. The City is also working on bus schedules. Mike briefly discussed the two new buses the City received that are already in service.

CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, passed out a flyer in Lynda's absence, that was produced to show the many senior center services, programs, and activities offered for January 2008. You can also find these in the new spring Activity guide that came out in the mail on Friday, January 11. This is tax time and the seniors are scheduling tax assistance appointments. The appointments are on Tuesday and Thursdays and will be held in the Veteran's building. There is a new Telecare 211 Hotline service where seniors can call to arrange a daily check-in service. New paper shredding service offered on January 30 from 9-11 a.m. at the senior center. Club 270 is ready to start on Friday, February 1, at the senior center – come join the fun and support the new program.

Charlotte also advised the Youth Commission is planning a joint youth meeting with other teens in the county on March 5, 2008 at the new Atascadero Community Center. Chocolate Fantasia is an annual event on February 29 that always sells out. Charlotte discussed the new Dream event on Sunday, January 20 celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of uniting different races. The recreation division is planning a march from Robbins Field to the Public Library where there will be a reception and various entries displayed for your viewing pleasure. The application is on the city website.

Ann Robb, Director, reminded everyone about the spring guide and it looks great. Hot topics in the City are the water rates, the contract bid was awarded to Moule & Polyzoides to prepare a Specific Plan for the Uptown and Town Centre areas, and the LRS budget projections. Annie also discussed member opinions on monthly and every two-month senior meetings. Discussed going black in December instead of August due to the Black Tie Bingo fundraiser is in September. Consensus was to continue with monthly meetings for continuity.

Fred Strong, City Councilman, discussed City business on the January 15 council meeting. One of the highlights at the council meeting is the Public Library is celebrating their 100 year in business. Other areas of discussion was the state budget, public transit, 20/50 Regional Plan, Hwy. 46 & 101 state funding, Paso Robles Youth Authority closing, and traffic within the City.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

We had the pleasure of meeting Mike Seden-Hansen, newly appointed Transit Service Coordinator. Mike is interested in meeting with community groups to get their input to make the transportation system more accessible in our city. Annie asked if the Senior Advisory Committee would have input on the new bus schedules.

Member DeBardelaben asked everyone to attend the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and lunch at the Senior Center on Friday, January 18, at 10:30 a.m. Our guest speaker this year is our Chief of Police, Lisa Solomon. Please make your lunch reservations with Senior Nutrition by Wednesday at noon.

Jan advised Jim Crouch passed away who started the Baby Boomers club in Paso Robles and he also worked as a valuable volunteer to Lynda at the senior center. Member Pluma voiced an interest in continuing the Baby Boomers Club.

Lynda is looking at moving the pool table and opening up that room for additional space needed for meetings, classes and existing programs. The Veterans have invited members to join them to play pool if desired. We could donate the pool table to the Oak Park After-School program.

ADJOURNED

- It was moved and seconded by Gustin/Pluma, to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m. Motion carried.
- Adjourn to next regular meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 2/11/08 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by secretaries: Renee' Clark and Judy O'Neal