

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2008 ~ Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Richard Gruner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Edna DeBardelaben, Helen Dutra, Richard Gruner, Grace Myers, Bill Pluma, and Dale Gustin
Absent: Reneè Clark, Barbara Mastin, and Jan Stemper-Brown
City staff present: Annie Robb and Lynda Holt
Absent: Judy O'Neal and Charlotte Gorton
City Council Rep: Fred Strong
Guest: Russell Thomas

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Pluma introduced Russell Thomas from Two Cooks Catering. Russ presented a menu proposal for the Black-Tie BINGO Fundraiser. The committee has selected Two Cooks Catering for this year's event.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. It was moved and seconded by Myers/Gruner to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting - motion carried.
2. **Senior Endowment Fund report**
 - The balance of the Senior Endowment Fund was \$298,781.11 as of 2/22/08.
 - Chairperson Dutra commented the \$4,000 deposit from the 2007 Black-Tie Bingo Fundraiser was listed

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- Annie presented a memo from Judy O’Neal, Administrative Assistant, regarding the interest earnings on the Senior Endowment account in response to a question from Chairperson Dutra last month.

BUSINESS ITEMS

3. Salvation Army Use of Facility Request for March 15

- A motion was made by Gruner/Gustin, to waive the facility fee for use of the Senior Center on March 15, 2008 and to have the Salvation Army pay \$20 per hour staff fee. Motion carried.

AD HOC COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

Fundraising

- Chairman Bill Pluma gave an update on the progress made on the Black Tie Bingo event. Pluma announced the date of the Raffle Fundraiser kick-off. It is going to be combined with a Pancake Breakfast provided by the Veteran’s on April 19, 2008. The breakfast is from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. and the raffle announcement will be directly following the breakfast.
- Pluma also reported that the drawing prizes are complete with the exception of a Mexico trip. The ticket prices will be: One ticket for \$20; four for \$50 and 10 for \$100; only 2,500 tickets will be sold.

Transportation

- Lynda Holt, Recreation Coordinator, reported news from Senior Transportation Options. They have a Paso – Let’s Go brochure ready to publish that will be helpful to seniors accessing public transit services for the first time.
- Holt also reported on the new Mid-Day Shuttle that will start providing service in Paso Robles within a couple of months. It will consist of two buses running 30-minute fixed route loops. People will flag the buses down on the designated route to be picked-up and dropped off.

CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

- Lynda Holt discussed new activities at the Senior Center: The Socrates Café (Fridays), the Cribbage Club (Mondays & Thursdays), Polka Party Dance Classes (Monday), and the new computer stationed in the library. Upcoming special events include a spring Fashion Show & Tea Party, St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, and an Easter Bonnet Party/Egg Hunt. Taking names on interest lists for Canasta, Party Bridge, and a Red Hat Society Chapter.
- Lynda shared information on two events for volunteers coming up in the next couple of months, she suggested saving the date for the City of Paso Robles Volunteer Reception, Tuesday, April 29, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Senior Center, and the RSVP Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, May 20, at the Atascadero Pavilion.

- Annie Robb, Director, explained that Judy O’Neal and Charlotte Gorton were not present because they were attending an online registration course all week at Centennial Park. The Recreation Department is transitioning from the current system to a new online service in April.
- Robb announced that our Department received three awards from CPRS District Eight:
 1. Best Activity Guide,
 2. Champions of the Community Senior Centers’ own Dottie Enright, and
 3. Volunteer transportation program, Friendly Rides 4 Seniors.

Robb reported on the status of the Town Center/Uptown planning. There are lots of opportunities to attend informational and community participation meetings in the next couple of months.

Councilman Fred Strong continued the discussion on the planning meetings by sharing about the upcoming stakeholder meetings consisting of professional planners and public input.

Council news included reports on:

- Re-structuring the Oak Park area.
- Grants available for transit that provides service with fifteen minute frequency stops.
- Renewed Parks -4- Pups program indefinitely at Centennial Park.
- Fred will be attending a conference this weekend to assist with planning. Discussed the Highway 46 east and 101 intersection plans.
- Reviewing what to do with the site that the Boys School is located on since it will be closing in a few months.
- Shared the news that Hayward Lumber is retaining the yard and selling the building.
- City parking plan is still being reviewed. Options include parking meters or timed parking spaces.
- Pluma suggested relocating all of the service stations out to 46, away from downtown.
- Pluma asked about budget concerns. Councilman Strong stated the city will be fine this year, but some reductions will need to be made to meet reduced revenue.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Myers/DeBardelaben, to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. - motion carried.
- Adjourn to next regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 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 4/14/08 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Holt, Recreation Coordinator – Senior Citizens

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