

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Dutra called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Pluma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. It was moved and seconded by Gruner/Pluma, to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.
2. **Senior Endowment Report**
 - The balance was \$297,466.82 as of 3/24/08.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

3. **Annual Senior Celebration Event – May 31**
 - Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Service Manager, asked Senior Advisory members to help work this event on Saturday, May 31, at the Senior Center. Some of the duties would be to collect and/or sell tickets at the door, serve food, and come early to decorate. Members discussed and signed up for various duties. Menu was discussed and will defer this item to Linda.

4. **New Online Software**

- Charlotte Gorton explained the City has contracted with Activenet for the new online recreation program that will go live April 25, 2008. Staff has been working very hard to learn the online recreation program and to get all the classes, events, and swim lessons entered into the computer that are in the Summer Activity Guide. We will also have a one-day, walk-in registration for summer swim lessons at Centennial Park on Friday, May 2, 2008 at 9 a.m.
- Member Pluma asked about the cost of indoor pool classes. Charlotte advised the indoor pool just re-opened on April 7 for classes after the long renovation project. Charlotte quoted the cost depending on the number of classes attended per week. The grand opening is Thursday, April 17, at 4 p.m. For clarification purposes, Annie advised we do not rent out the indoor pool.

5. **Town Centre/Uptown Update**

- Annie Robb, Director, gave an update on the Uptown Discovery workshop on April 10, at Georgia Brown School. This workshop was attended with approximately 200 people from neighborhood families. The Town Centre Discovery workshop on April 11 was at the Paso Robles Inn Ballroom and the attendance was mostly business owners and contractors. There is one more Uptown/Town Centre Discovery workshop on Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m. at the Paso Robles Event Center. The public had an opportunity to voice their opinions, get their ideas on the table for the planning session in May.
- Mayor Mecham advised the Discovery workshops are a vision process and tool for the Planning Commission in the future.

AD HOC COMMITTEE RPORTS

Fundraising

- Bill Pluma, Chairman, handed out a Black-Tie-Bingo drawing fundraiser flyer. The kick-off pancake breakfast is on Saturday, April 19 from 8 to 10 a.m. for only \$5 at the Senior Center. We are hoping the event and the drawing will sell out before September. Charlotte thanked Bill for all his hard work on the Black Tie Bingo event and drawing.

Transportation

- Jan Stemper-Brown, Chairperson, deferred the update to Michael Seden-Hansen, Transit Coordinator. Michael showed the latest picture of the branding to be put on all city buses, bus stop signs, and the proposed brochure. He also discussed redesigning the city's website to be user friendly and for patrons to print individual pages of data on letter size paper. The brochure will be printed in English and Spanish. Michael welcomes any and all comments before finalizing this work. There was also discussion and recommendations regarding the height of signs at bus stops for all patrons.
- Councilman Strong noted he met with San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority regarding the maintenance and service of city buses and fleet that are in bade shape. He reminded everyone that summer bus passes will be available soon.

CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

Senior Citizen update:

- Charlotte mentioned that Lynda does a great job on the monthly Senior Citizen Newsletter that goes out to 1300 members. In April's Newsletter, Lynda highlights the senior volunteers who donated 10,990 hours in 2007. Charlotte also mentioned the city is recognizing volunteers this year with a reception at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 29, from 3 to 5 p.m.
- The billiard table has been removed from the Senior Center and taken to the Oak Park Recreation Program. The Gene Autry trip leaves on Wednesday, April 16, with 32 people and Club 270 is doing good with guests enjoying the free half hour dance lesson to start off their evening.

Recreation update:

- Charlotte talked about attending the National Recreation & Parks Association Annual Aquatic Conference in Palm Springs with two aquatic managers. She was a guest speaker on senior aquatics.
- Recreation staff is busy with the Fishing Derby that was very successful on Saturday, April 12 with 85 youth fishing at Barney Schwartz Park. This Saturday, April 19 is the Kite Fest at 2 p.m. and a very colorful and interesting event for all.
- The Youth Commission and staff are planning a Guitar Hero Competition and Dodge Ball Tournament on May 2 at Centennial Park gymnasium for teen in the 9th thru 12th grades.

Director's update:

- Annie explained the California Children's Bill of Rights is on the April 15 City Council agenda for endorsement.

City Council update:

- Mayor Mecham talked about the city and state meeting with regards to the renovation of the Paso Robles Youth Authority. A decision has been made about downtown parking meters. The Mayor has a meeting with the owners of Hayward Lumber with the possibility of forming a public/private partnership. The Mayor also stated construction of the courthouse should be done by August 2008 with plans to move in by the end of the year. Another facility under major construction is Hometown Nursery at 2nd & Spring Streets. The Mayor further discussed city revenues, the state of the economy today and in the future, and reminded everyone this is an election year.
- Councilman Strong advised the state is planning a meeting with County of San Benito, City of Paso Robles, and all pertinent groups interested in the renovation of the Paso Robles Youth Authority. He also talked about the new downtown parking meters will be very modern and a kiosk type system. The revenue generated from the parking meters can be used for maintenance of that specific area.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

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ADJOURNMENT

- It was moved and seconded by Clark/Stemper-Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried.

- Adjourn to the following:
 1. The next Discovery Workshop on Thursday, April 10, 2008, 6 p.m. at the Paso Robles Event Center, and
 2. Black Tie Bingo, Drawing kick-off, pancake-breakfast on Saturday, April 19, 2008, 8 – 10 a.m. at the Senior Center, and
 3. Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 3-5 p.m. at the Senior Center, and lastly
 4. To the next regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 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 5/12/08 MEETING

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