

# **MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 13, 2008 ~ Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

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## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Member Myers called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Ragle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Edna DeBardelaben, Grace Myers, Beverly Bridges,  
Donn Ragle, and Dale Gustin  
Absent: Helen Dutra, Bill Pluma, Jan Stemper-Brown, Richard Gruner  
City staff present: Annie Robb, Charlotte Gorton, Lynda Holt, and  
Michael Seden-Hansen  
City Council reps present: Fred Strong  
City Council reps absent: Frank Mecham

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. It was moved and seconded by Gustin/Bridges to approve the Minutes of the September 08, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.
2. **Senior Endowment Report**  
The balance is currently \$295,058. Lynda reported that funds from Black-Tie Bingo have not been deposited yet. At least \$10,000 will be transferred from this event. At the last minute, Templeton Lion's Club made a surprise donation.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

3. **Transit Service Update**
  - Michael Seden-Hansen, Transit Coordinator, gave an update on City transportation. He discussed the new midday shuttle, grant funding, City website, and passed out literature displaying the new branding on City transit vehicles.
  - Members reviewed the Riders Information Guide and discussed the draft of the North County Shuttle transit. A monthly pass would be \$17, half of the present cost.

#### **4. 2008-2009 Goals**

- Lynda reported on last year's goals. She feels that the Senior Center is marketed fairly well. Help is needed from the members to reach out and speak to groups. She offered to come with members. She feels that many people still do not know what is available at the Senior Center. She also expressed that the previous goals of fundraising and transportation are still important. Lynda reported that the new membership drive has been very successful and advertising on the bingo flyers has already created some revenue.
- Dale made a motion to adopt fundraising, transportation and outreach as goals for 2008 – 2009. Edna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Fundraising**

###### **1. Black Tie Bingo**

There was discussion regarding the possibility of moving the date. Staff will continue to work with ad hoc members to resolve this issue.

###### **2. Cattlemen's Association Fundraiser**

Idea was tabled.

##### **Transportation**

- Michael Seden-Hansen advised that a dedication of the new busses was held on October 7, 2008. The new brochures were rolled out along with the newly-designed buses. He stated that he is willing to do presentations on transportation to any groups that are interested.
- Grace recalled when Jan Stemper Brown first started looking at the bus system and she commented on how much it has changed.
- Edna felt there should be more advertising about the availability of transportation on Sundays with Dial A Ride.

#### **CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS**

- Fred Strong reported that the City Council is still working on the water issue and that they are planning to have two charrettes. The City has a \$1.5 million shortfall this fiscal year and is reducing expenditures. This may affect the part-time staffing. It may impact road maintenance and other areas as well. Tourism is still helping the City in total tax revenue. A climate change workshop is scheduled for October 14, 2009 in San Luis Obispo.
- Charlotte reported on the Vihuela/Incendio pre-release party.
- Annie – No report.
- Lynda – Issued a general invitation to attend the upcoming Health Fair.

#### **UNSCHEDULED MATTERS**

- Lynda brought up the idea of purchasing strength-training circuit equipment for the Senior Center. She has the opportunity to purchase 8 pieces from Planet Fitness for \$6,000. There are 2 hurdles to address – price and space. She is looking at the possibility of placing them in a small meeting room. She is reviewing the schedule for the room. Lynda is also looking at the liability issues and programs offered at other senior centers. She stated that anyone who wished to use the equipment would be required to sign a waiver before doing so.
- Annie asked if there was sufficient interest from the Advisory Committee to warrant bringing the item back on next month's agenda. An informal straw vote was taken and 5 were in favor of spending \$3,000 on the equipment and seeking out another contributor such as the REC Foundation. None were opposed to this idea. The 5 members were not in favor of spending \$6,000 and no one at the meeting supported the idea of spending this amount.
- Discussion was held about the possibility of expanding the Senior Center in the future when the economy rebounds.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded by Gustin/DeBardelaben, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 13, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 11/10/08 MEETING**

Respectfully submitted by Trine Layman.