



MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, July 7 2022

San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center Meeting Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call

Present: Bill Beebe
Nancy Brewster
Sean Cazares
Kari Janssen
Pamla Johnson
Frida Korba Sarehraz
Veronica Saucedo

Also Present: Joseph Jones, Parks & Recreation Manager
Dominique Borba, Recreation Supervisor
Orlando Soto, Recreation Coordinator
Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant

Absent: Wally Nikowitz, excused

Audience Members: Sandra Martinez

Recognitions/Presentations:

Oral Communication: NONE

1. Staff Report

A. YWCA Lunch Program

Mr. Soto reported that the YWCA Lunch Program is still operating as a Grab & Go Program on Wednesdays. He reported the attendance for the previous two months: May- 122 participants, 2590 meals served; June- 129 participants, 3,374 meals served.

Ms. Borba stated that staff are currently working with YWCA and Los Angeles County to meet the necessary guidelines for the return of in-person dining. YWCA has indicated they will begin a hybrid program of Dine-In and Grab and Go in the next month.

B. Senior Events and Programs

Mr. Soto reported on recent and upcoming Senior Events and Programs. In May, 50 people attended the Senior Volunteer Recognition; the Happy Hour/Birthday Social had 15 participants in May and 12 participants in June; the San Clemente & Dana Point excursion in May had 40 participants and the Academy Museum excursions in June had 100 participants; Bunco in June had 40 participants. He reported that there were two



seminars held in May: Visiting Angels and Retirement Benefits. LA County Fire conducted a Fire Safety seminar in June.

Upcoming seminars scheduled at the San Dimas Senior Center include: Reverse Mortgage on July 19, Less Stuff, More Life on July 26, and San Dimas Sherriff's Safety Seminar on August 23. Upcoming Senior Events include: Happy Hour & Birthday Socials on July 14 and August 11; Monthly Dinners on July 8 and August 19; Bunco on August 25. Upcoming Adult Excursions scheduled are: the Reagan Library on July 21 and a Day in Santa Monica on August 24.

Mr. Soto informed the Commission that based on their recommendations, seminar flyers have been updated to include more information and the speaker's license number when applicable.

C. Upcoming Department Special Events

Mr. Soto reported on Upcoming Department Special Events: Family Campouts on July 29 – July 30; Music and Movies in the Park on Wednesdays June 15- August 3; Cars and Coffee July 16, August 20 and September 17; National Night Out on August 2; and City Birthday on August 6.

Mr. Jones presented the Commission copies of the new Recreation Division Newsletter. He stated that the newsletter will help keep the Commissions informed on what is happening in other San Dimas Recreation divisions and facilities.

Mr. Jones reported planning meetings have begun for Halloween Spooktacular and Holiday Extravaganza.

Mr. Jones reported on the new upcoming Cars and Coffee event.

2. Approval of Minutes May 12, 2022 Meeting

COMMISSIONER CAZARES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2022 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BREWSTER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. New Business

A. Future Resource/ Financial Literacy Seminar Topics

Ms. Borba suggested the Commission provide ideas and input for future seminars.

B. Future Capital Improvement Projects

Staff presented the Commission with a handout listing price quotes for metal cabinets and dart boards. The Commission reviewed the price quotes and asked for additional dart board choices.

COMMISSIONER CAZARES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE METAL CABINETS ON AMAZON FOR \$259.00, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEEBE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



Ms. Borba stated that staff will check with facilities on other options for metal cabinets and research better quality dart boards. A revised list of price quotes will be provided to the Commission at the next meeting.

C. Senior Services Strategic Plan

1. **Senior Sports-** Mr. Soto announced the upcoming Senior Sports Programs. He stated the Senior Fitness Class will be held on Wednesdays at 8am beginning August 10th. This free class will be taught by a certified Fitness Instructor from Crunch Fitness and will utilize the outdoor equipment at Civic Center Park. Other Senior Sports programs beginning in September are: Bocce Ball beginning September 9th; Chair Volleyball beginning September 14th; and Table Tennis Tournament beginning September 28.
2. **Marketing Campaign-** Mr. Soto stated that part of the marketing plan for the Senior Sports program will be to provide promotional materials and in-person outreach to the Senior Housing Communities. He presented a schedule of dates for Senior Housing Outreach. This will be in conjunction with publicizing the programs in the Silver Times, the Recreation Guide on social media and E-Blasts. The Senior Sports Program will also be promoted at the Recreation Center and at City events.

4. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation

A. Foundation Treasury Report

Ms. Borba reported that the total account balance as of 5/31/22 is \$13,629.03.

Ms. Borba reported that staff is finalizing the report to the City Council outlining that the Foundation Account be closed and funds transferred to the City account based on the Commission's recommendation.

5. Continued Items:

Commissioner Johnson stated that the San Dimas Senior Club suggested that the Senior Commission Foundation funds be used to purchase additional carts and new clocks for the Multi-Purpose Room and Kitchen.

Commissioner Saucedo asked if City funds could be used to purchase these items.

Ms. Borba and Mr. Jones stated they would look into the possibility of the City purchasing these items if needed.

6. Written Communication: NONE

7. Future Agenda Items:

Finalize decision on the purchase of metal cabinets and dart board using Senior Foundation Funds.

Review information regarding purchase of carts and clocks.



Commissioner Cazares requested a report regarding recent rent increases at Sunnyside Senior Apartments.

8. Report of Members:

A. Chair Report- In Chair Nikowitz's absence, Commissioner Johnson reported on the City Birthday and the Senior Club Yard Sale.

B. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Brewster stated that she is happy the Sherriff's Department will be providing another Safety Seminar. She stated San Dimas should emphasize the Neighborhood Watch program more.

Commissioner Saucedo asked if it would be possible for the City to offer the Nixle communication program.

Commissioner Cazares reported on the following upcoming Chamber of Commerce events: Coffee Hour at the Martin House on July 12th; Zoom Housing Meeting on July 14th; Baby Brothers Pizza Ribbon Cutting on July 20th; San Dimas Sherriff's Department Annual Car Show; and Bonelli Bluffs Car Show and Trunk or Treat on October 29th.

Commissioner Sarehraz stated that she continues to volunteer for the Senior Club Meetings and Senior Club Bingo on Tuesdays and she plans on volunteering at City Birthday, Senior Club Yard Sale and Senior Club Bunco.

Commissioner Beebe stated that his mobile home community, Cienega Valley Estates puts out a monthly magazine for residents. Staff could contact the Office Manager, Diana to see if Senior Center information could be included in the magazine. He also stated that Senior Center promotional materials could possibly be displayed in the Community Club House.

Commissioner Saucedo inquired when the Commission would have a new Council Liaison. She also said she would like an update on the Gold Line construction.

Ms. Borba stated that the new Councilmember will be sworn in at the City Council meeting on July 12. Ms. Borba stated she would check with the Public Works Department to see if there are any recent updates on the Gold Line Construction.

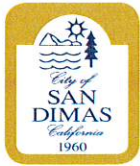
C. Council Liaison Report: NONE

D. Additional Continued Item:

Ms. Borba shared the Senior Services section of the City of San Dimas website with the Commission and asked if they had any suggestions for improvement.

Commissioner Saucedo suggested that the photos be updated.

Mr. Soto announced that, based on Commissioner Nikowitz's recommendation at the last meeting, the Senior Center now has an AARP subscription. Staff will now have access to AARP information.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting for the Senior Commission will be September 1, 2022.

Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant